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Grand Entries Since 1961

Gchinshinaabek Mnaaj'indwaa - Year of the Elder

by Ryan Gibbs
News Editor

This year's Native Awareness Week emphasized the role of elders. Joanne Morassutti explained that elders play an important role in the preservation and promotion of Native culture. This theme was evident in the language workshops that were held on campus. One workshop in particular was entitled "Elders and the Preservation of the Language". It took place Thursday morning in the Canisius Hall at the University of Sudbury.

The first impression of the workshop was its seeming similarity to classroom lectures. A podium was situated at the front of the room and the chairs were arranged in rows. A number of attendants arrived promptly at nine-thirty, waiting the workshop's commencement.

But the workshop did not begin until ten to ten, allowing many latecomers to take their seats. The elders who were to serve as guest speakers had no preoccupation with time. This concept was foreign to students who had their classes and lives controlled by their watches. A second innovation of the workshop was the elders' insistence that all attendants seat themselves in a circle, abolishing the formality of the established arrangement. Finally, before the workshop could commence, all the people seated in the circle were instructed to give their names.

These deviations from the formal conduct of a workshop were symbolic for the native elders who con-

ducted the event. As one elder stated, "In a circle, everyone has a place." The atmosphere encouraged interaction with the audience, who added to the discussion at various intervals throughout the workshop.

The two elders who conducted the workshop were Chief Ray Rogers of Chippewa and Gordon Waindebence of Shegawindah. A third elder, Frank Lewis, was unable to attend the event. Instead, the Co-Chair of Native Studies at the University of Sudbury, Roger Spielmann, joined the elders. Mark Solomon of the Student's General Association served as moderator.

The guests were first asked to share their feelings on the present status of the Ojibwe language. The

first respondent, Gordon Waindebence, gave his answer in Ojibwe. Although non-speakers of the language were unable to make out his words, his body language articulated his view. Waindebence looked down, teary-eyed, and tore a red ribbon as he spoke. It was clear from his gestures that he lamented the decline of the language.

Chief Rogers gave his response in English as he could not speak Ojibwe well. He too spoke of the decline of the language. He placed some of the blame on residential schools, which had a mission to assimilate natives. But he also accepted much of the responsibility for the decline himself. He gave self-criticism for not speaking the language

more often and not being able to pass it on to his children and grandchildren.

Spielmann answered the question with his own personal experience. Although he is not an elder, he spent many years growing up with elders in his community. He looked back on his experiences with the elders as a period that transformed his life. He referred to language as a window, an opportunity to increase knowledge. But he too lamented to the present decline of the Ojibwe language. Spielmann attributed the decline to the abundance of French and English media, an absence of language use among native youth, and a generation barrier between elders and youth.

The speakers also expressed their concern for the loss of native culture that is associated with the decline of native language. Spielmann claimed that language defines a community and that there is a need to revitalize the native language to maintain its culture. Waindebence stated, "If you lose your language, you lose your culture".

With these grave remarks, members of the circle discussed, with the elders and themselves, strategies for reviving and sustaining native language. One popular approach was the utilization of technology. Many efforts have been made to record native language on tapes and audio systems. One attendant praised the internet for its many sites in Ojibwe and the contact it provided with other speakers of the native language.

But this strategy was deemed incomplete; technology was viewed as an inadequate substitute for human interaction. Waindebence emphasized the importance of visiting grandparents, neighbours, and children. Spielmann encouraged immersion camps with monolingual natives. Rogers encouraged natives to use their language more frequently and recommended dinner as an appropriate time.

The workshop concluded with these words, placing an emphasis on interactions to promote and preserve the native language. In this approach, elders clearly play an important role. They are teachers of the language, a resource that needs to be utilized more often.

Pow Wow at Laurentian

by Ryan Gibbs
News Editor

Native Awareness Week ended with a traditional Pow Wow in the Great Hall over the weekend. At the time, the first level of the arts building featured several vendors who sold native crafts: jewelry, paintings, clothing, and dolls. One booth even exhibited native fragrances in perfume bottles. A stand was also set up to sell native food to the spectators.

At the Great Hall chairs were arranged in a large circle. Within the circle, drums and singers representing different native tribes were placed. Off to one side was a table for the

Master of Ceremony, Bill Constant, and other guests. Everyone anxiously awaited the Grand Entry that would begin the festivities.

The Grand Entry was led by a man dressed in fur, feathers, and leather. He wore a buffalo headdress on his head, a hoop of eagle feathers on his back, and leather moccasins on his feet. In his hand he held a staff with a deer horn at its top. This stick was considered a healing staff.

Behind the leader were three veterans from "foreign wars". Each veteran sported a different national flag. There was a Canadian flag, an American flag, and an Anishnabek

(first nation) flag. The elders were followed by a group of Laurentian students who carried a banner advertising the Native Students' Association.

The remainder of the Grand Entry was composed of native dancers, both professional and amateur, who wore bright costumes. Two professional dancers who attended were Celina Cada and Dave Trudeau. Some costumes were made of leather; others were made of silk. Some costumes exhibited animal skins and feathers; others were covered with bells.

Dancers moved around in small circles within the large circle and some seemed to mimic birds as they moved their heads back and forth. They took the steps softly, in light bounces. Often dancers changed the intensity of their movements to accommodate the heavier rhythms of the drums. One dancer consistently gave a cry during his dance.

After the Grand Entry, the host took the time to introduce the participants and turned the microphone over to a fe-

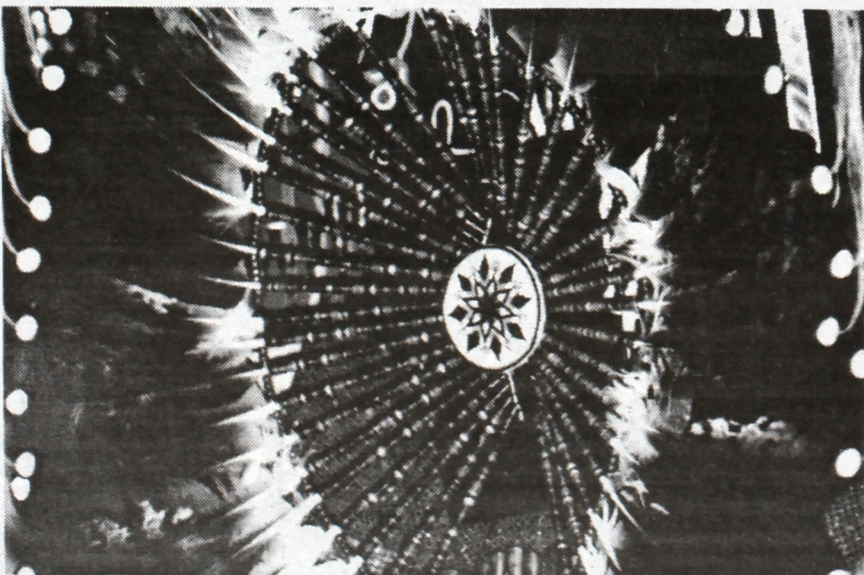
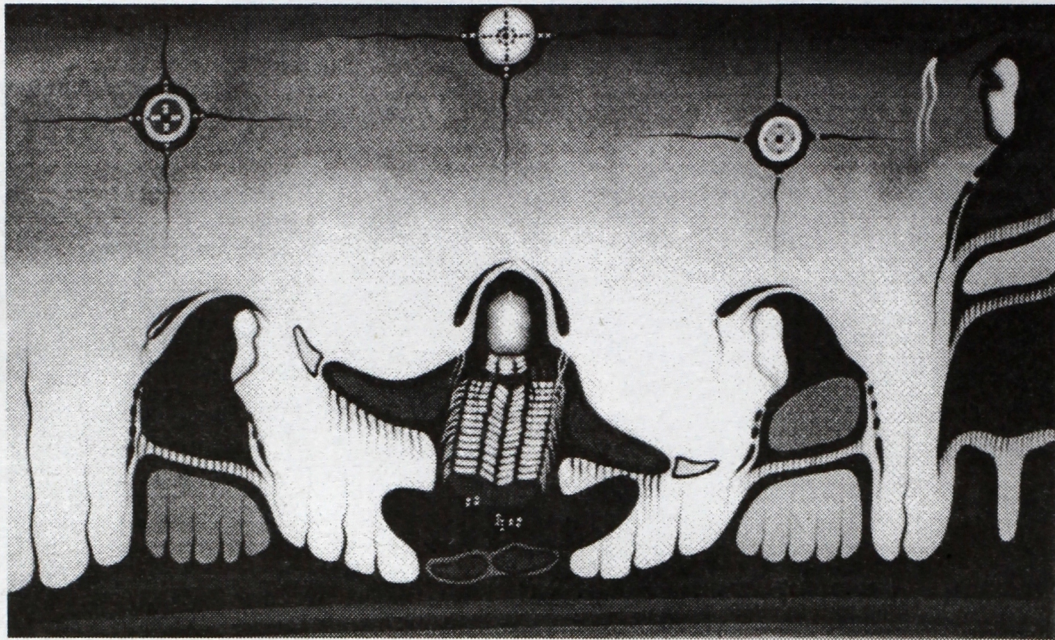
male elder who made a brief speech on behalf of the veterans in Ojibwe. Recognition was also given to the runners in the Sacred Run. These runners ran from Nipissing First Nations to the Grand Entry.

Then, Dale from the Native Students Association was given the opportunity to talk for a few minutes on Native Awareness Week and this year's theme "Year of the Elder". With the new millennium approaching, great emphasis was placed on the elders who have seen many changes and developments in the last century. They were the source of native language, ceremonies, and history.

After a brief address, the Pow Wow recommenced. This time, Constant encouraged the spectators to join in and dance. The dance was intended to celebrate life and health and give thanks to The Creator. But it was mostly the children who were uninhibited from participating. They bounced around the

circle with delight.

The drummers and singers took turns providing the music to guide the dancers. As one finished, another began, keeping up the momentum. The Pow Wow continued during the weekend, with more Grand Entries scheduled.



Laurentian Approves New Computer Science Co-op Program

During its last meeting, Laurentian University's Senate approved the creation of the Co-operative Education Option in Computer Science. This option, offered by the University's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, will enable Laurentian to place about twenty second-year students on a paid work-term in January 2000. Laurentian's Co-op Option in Computer Science is available to second-year students enrolled full-time in the Honours Bachelor of Arts or Honours Bachelor of Science programs. To be eligible, students must have maintained a 70% average in their first year.

The work-study sequence will consist of eight study terms interspersed with four four-month work terms. The first work-term will be offered to students during the winter term of the second-year of study. Students participating in the Co-op Option in Computer Science will be paid by their employers to work in a computer-related field such as data

base management, networking, and software programming.

As explained by Dr. Les Davison, Chair of Laurentian's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, this new program is highly appealing to career-oriented students. "By offering practical career-related experience, this program will prevent students from being caught in the catch-22 situation of trying to obtain employment without work experience. While complementing what is being taught in the classroom, the Co-op Option in Computer Science will offer students a salary for their expertise. Students will also have the opportunity to network with some of technology's leading companies," said Dr. Davison.

Last summer, a precursor to this program, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science offered a Summer Internships Program. This experience was successful as it allowed the University to place over twenty students in career-

related positions with fifteen companies in the Sudbury area. It is expected that students participating in January 2000 in the Co-op Option in Computer Science will be placed in the Sudbury area. However, due to the expected popularity of the program, the University expects to place students in other cities, such as Toronto and Ottawa, where there is a great demand for computer science specialists.

Students participating in the co-op program will work in a variety of industries; everything from large software companies to small businesses. In light of Sudbury's intention to become a major player in the hi tech area, it is expected that many of the co-op students will be placed locally. These students will possess the skills required to help Sudbury achieve its goals. However, for students willing to travel, there will be placements available throughout Ontario.

LU Collaborates with Transportation Safety Board in Accident Investigation

Specialists now agree that human factors are the primary cause factors in up to 90% of industrial accidents. These occurrences are very costly and prevention efforts are highly dependent on investigators being able to understand the underlying causes. Over the past three years, Dr. John Lewko from the Industrial Safety and Productivity Group (ISPG) at Laurentian University has been working with Mr. Maury Hill, Manager of the Human Performance and Macro Analysis Unit of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB). They have been focusing on the links between full and part-time investigators and how to make TSB techniques available to investigators in industrial settings.

As a result of this industrial exchange, the ISPG and the TSB recently sponsored and international symposium on investigation and a two-day workshop on investigating for human factors, held in Hull Quebec, October 13-16, 1999. The symposium was co-chaired by Dr. Lewko and Mr. Maury Hill, and attracted several experts in the field. One of the leading experts involved was Dr. Malcolm Brenner from the National Transportation Safety Board in the U.S., who headed the human factors investigation of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill accident. Mr. Maury Hill, who is lead investigator for the human factors component of the Swissair 111 investigation, presented on the systems approach that was applied in the Swissair accident. Dr. Lewko and Mr. Bill Narasnek reported on the work being carried out by a group from the ISPG on improving the investigation skills of part-time investigators.



The TSB investigates marine, rail, and land accidents involving Canadian personnel or equipment, or accidents that occurred in Canada. It has developed techniques for investigating accidents and identifying the underlying factors that contributed to the accident. Two of the models on which the TSB investigation system is based have been used for several years by Dr. Lewko and provided the common ground for collaboration.

From this initial contact, the TSB's Human Performance and Macro Analysis Unit provided Laurentian with material which it adapted in the development for an accident investigation training program for front-line supervisors in industrial settings. Among the specialized tools currently shared with Laurentian is the Integrated Safety Investigation Methodology CD-ROM, a computer-based tool now being used by the TSB to train its investigators.

"The TSB is not mandated to provide investigation training outside of its organization," explained Dr. Lewko. "By working with the TSB, the University wishes to become the vehicle that will allow the transfer of this world-class technology to external groups in various

parts of the country."

Laurentian University students are expected to greatly benefit from the Industrial Safety and Productivity Group's efforts to incorporate the TSB's accident investigation tools into various programs, including the undergraduate program in the School of Human Kinetics and the proposed Master's of Science program in Ergonomics and Human Factors.

"Our intention is to see the TSB investigation technology become in the near future a formal part of the ergonomics curriculum at the undergraduate level. Dr. Alan Salmoni of Laurentian's School of Human Kinetics and I would also like to see this technology and theoretical work behind it become a key part of the Masters of Science program," explained Dr. Lewko. "The new graduate program will be unique in North America. Our graduates, who will be experts in this area, will be well-placed to play a key role in the area of occupational health and safety in industry. They will be trained in the Integrated Safety Investigation Methodology and will be qualified to use the tool in their work," concludes Dr. Lewko.

News Briefs

International Day of Awareness

November 14, 1999 is World Diabetes Day (WDD), an international day of awareness. As well as being a celebration, World Diabetes Day is also an opportunity to become informed and involved. The Paris Street entrance to Bell Park will be host to a picket line of information about diabetes, and everyone is welcome to raise a sign.

November 14th was designated World Diabetes Day as it is the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting who, along with Charles Best, first conceived the idea that led to the discovery of insulin in October of 1921. This worldwide event, which is now in its 9th consecutive year, unites the international diabetes community to produce a powerful global voice for diabetes awareness.

Diabetes has many costs to the individual and to the community. There are financial costs to people with diabetes, to their families and to the health-care sector. There are the costs to society because of lost work time, disability and premature death. Perhaps the greatest costs of all are the intangible costs - pain, anxiety, and stress endured by those who suffer from diabetes.

Our branch office, located at 103 Elm Street, will host a refreshment gathering from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Paris Street entrance to Bell Park will be the site for World Diabetes Day celebrations. Picket signs will be available at the amphitheatre, and a one-hour picket sessions will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. The greater the number of picketers, the stronger the information line will be.

The Canadian Diabetes Association is dedicated to promoting the health of Canadians through research, education, service and advocacy. Join us November 14, 1999, in a picket line that will help the fight for our cause, diabetes.

Lockerby Composite's "Kids Caring for Kids: Remembering Laura" Fundraising Campaign is a Huge Success

Since 1996, Lockerby Composite Secondary School has raised over \$42,000 for pediatric oncology programs at the Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre. Held in memory of Laura Costea, a past Lockerby student who lost her ten-year battle with cancer in the summer of 1997, this door-to-door blitz is held annually. This year's funding drive raised \$20,000, bringing the school's grand total of funds raised to a tremendous \$62,000.

Bruce Hatton, Principal of Lockerby Composite, spoke highly of the students' enthusiasm and hard working in memory of Laura: "Lockerby students and staff have shown great dedication in continuing this school's commitment to raising funds for the Cancer Centre and for specifically helping children who have been diagnosed with cancer. We are extremely proud of our students and know that they are our leaders of tomorrow."

The Chair of the Northeastern Cancer Research Foundation, Maureen Lacroix, also emphasized the importance of partnering with regional schools: "We are so pleased to accept this donation of \$20,000, all of which will remain here in the north to directly benefit children with cancer and their families. A difficult disease by any means, cancer is even more dreadful when it strikes those who are young and just beginning their lives. We are thankful for our collaborative partnership with Lockerby Composite and remember Laura for her bright spirit and dedication to supporting cancer research and treatment in the north. We would like, also, to thank the people of this community for their support of pediatric cancer treatment at the Cancer Centre."

A. J. Casson Limited Edition Print Fundraiser

The Northern Cancer Research Foundation is pleased to partner with the Sudbury Arts Council in a seasonal draw that promises the gift of an A. J. Casson limited edition print. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5 and can be purchased at the Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre or at Black Cat Too.

A. J. Casson, a member of the Group of Seven, painted in nearby Killarney Park just south of Sudbury, but focused mainly on southern and central Ontario settings. He was particularly interested in painting areas around Bancroft, Parry Sound, Glen Williams, Norval, Salem and Kleinburg. Stylistically, he is best known for his watercolours and one of these pieces, called "Near Quadville" is being raffled by the Cancer Centre and the Sudbury Arts Council.

The Northern Cancer Research Foundation is pleased to partner with the Arts Council in this unique collaborative fundraising event. Funds raised will be divided between the two organizations and will remain in the North.

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Editor's Corner...

Harassment at Laurentian

By Kim Dorion
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L.U. Women's Centre

Actual Situation:

Since June, Laurentian has been deprived of the services of Norma MacRae, the last full-time harassment officer. The current harassment officer, Bettina Brokerhoff-MacDonald, is on a contract till January. Unfortunately, due to her part-time contract, she is only available 20 hours a week or just a few hours a day. Furthermore, she doesn't have any support staff that can contact her in the event of an emergency.

The problem with this situation is that multiple representatives from the University unanimously agreed to the need to hire a full-time harassment officer. However, the President clearly stated that an alternative position must be more cost efficient than the previous full-time position. Since the contract will expire in January, those responsible for this position must find a suitable alternative by this time.

In order to "cut costs", Jean Watters has proposed a delegation of harassment cases to the Mediation Centre of Sudbury. This service consists of a team of 20 people and a cost of \$150 per hour. In more complicated cases, the mediators will refer the cases to lawyers specialized in this field. Despite the fact the Mediation Centre is off-campus, they say they can come on campus when necessary.

The Roles of the mediation and harassment officer are not equal.

Playing middle man or going through a process of making a special request for them to come on campus isn't necessary when we

have a harassment officer. Another fact is that the Mediation Centre has no experience in dealing with harassment cases at the university. Most importantly, mediation in this case may lead to revictimization. Also, this alternative service doesn't offer the accessibility, anonymity and confidentiality once available through our own full-time harassment officer. We could obtain referrals to this type of service if appropriate.

It is important to note that the delegation and decentralization of this essential service creates confusion among those who need help, and for those referring others to this type of service. If it's too hard for people to obtain proper services, many will chose to live in silence and put up with it, which is harmful to their well-being.

What is a harassment officer?

The following tasks illustrate the need and importance of having a full-time harassment officer here at Laurentian. The previous full-time harassment officer was responsible for harassment cases, equality regarding education and employment, the Employee Assistance Program, security on campus and the Walkhome Program. She was also the leader of the Harassment Committee through which she had to train people to be able to sit on the committee.

Furthermore, she was a neutral party that had the authority to act independently. She could therefore serve the interest of people who consulted her, not the interests of associations within the university community. She also reported directly to the President which ensured that her position remained impartial and non-partisan.

The harassment officer posi-

tion was filled by a full time employee who was good at preserving the anonymity and the confidentiality of the people who consulted her. These aspects are very important to people trying to deal with harassment issues since this is a complicated and delicate matter. These elements are also key to developing a trust relationship with the client.

Harassment officers like the one we had here need to have a lot of knowledge and skills learned through varied work experience since they have many responsibilities on top of dealing with harassment cases. It is obvious that continuity is important to the functioning of this service.

So there we are. This service was once centralized and accessible. It used to guarantee security, anonymity and confidentiality and the assurance that the person responsible didn't serve other interests. How can this be respected if you need to tell your story several time before finding the right person to tell and when you get there you find out it's a whole team? It's obvious that the delegation and dilution of this service isn't in the best interest of the university community. However, it does serve the fiscal agenda of the president.

Does this affect me?

WITHOUT QUESTION! The harassment officer was hired full-time in order to adequately serve the university population. However, the fiscal agenda isn't respecting the right to have access to adequate services to fight harassment. For us, a part-time harassment officer significantly harms the accessibility of this essential service. This service served all people on campus and contributed to their well-being. This type of service is as important as Health Services

and Counseling Services.

Sure, many students will graduate without needing the services of a harassment officer, however, many will. Harassment exists everywhere and in many different forms and affects everyone, not just women. Harassment is a question of power and power is an important resource that students are often deprived of at the post-secondary level. Professors, Deans, teaching assistants and other students can all put your safety in jeopardy and poison your environment. A racist comment, phone threats, unwanted touches and unwanted sexual invitations are all examples of harassment.

We invite you to contact the president or your student association. They need to know you don't want to compromise your safety and your well-being, nor those of others just to save money. Is money more important than our safety and well-being? You must speak out to prevent the inadequate changes to this service. The worth and necessity of a full-time harassment officer has already been proven many times. By refusing to speak out about this injustice, you accept the running around you will have to do to get adequate services when you need help. All that thanks to cutbacks.

The Laurentian University Women's Centre Collective

To all students who have harassment complaints, you may contact your student associations, security (ext. 6562), Health Services (ext. 1067) or the Counseling and Resource Centre (673-6506). A complete list of resources will be published in a future Lambda article.

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SPACE FOR RANT... Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the last Lambda Tyler Dellow challenged Tonto's account of a native shooting. He pointed out significant details Tonto omitted. You responded by verifying Tyler's facts online. But when Tonto wrote his dramatic screenplay you didn't check his story out.

You assured Tyler everyone who writes for Lambda follows strict guidelines. The only guideline Tonto follows is the extended length of his column. Tonto's so please line up and bend over and let me and every native person kick you (white people) in the ass is borderline racist.

You went off on a tangent when Tyler objected to the levy. But that wasn't his point. Tonto shouldn't print inaccuracies and offensive remarks. It isn't Tyler that should be restrained.

Yours truly,
The Devil's Advocate

Editor's Note: Tonto follows every guideline to the letter. Borderline racist is not racist and if Tonto was to cross the line I am the first one to edit him. I have talked to Tonto and he assured me that he printed what he knew and did not leave out anything. Sure, he missed some pretty important information, but his sources may not be the same as yours or Tyler's. Not everyone is perfect. Tonto prints an opinion piece and the length of his column is exactly how long he is allowed. If you don't like what Tonto writes, read another column... it's that easy!

Mat Thompson
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The Avenger of the Citizen Student

by James M. Morgan
Contributor

I was quite surprised at the lack of response to the article which I authored in this paper last week about the excessive use and promotion of alcohol among students. This lack of reaction is disturbing. It shows that far too many of our students are apathetic and resigned to let the status quo of booze defining the social spirit of our campus remain. It is also disturbing that no faculty member responded with their observations of the negative impacts that alcohol may be having on the academic performance of their students. It either isn't a concern, or apathy is again at work.

The excessive promotion of alcohol at Laurentian was unfortunately again present on November 1. I am referring to the "Spirit's Day" Alcohol Information Fair that was going on in the Great Hall. The intent of this event was of course to teach

responsible drinking. It did not achieve this at all, and even looked foolish in its attempt to do so. The event was a corporate sellout like none other I've seen. BACCHUS, the alcohol responsibility organization that was responsible for the display receives all kinds of corporate donations for its efforts; among these are breweries and distilleries. The Canadian Association of Distillers was also behind the event. This is an industry lobby group. There is no way that a lobby group for the liquor industry can promote responsible drinking that does not lead to drunkenness, they would loose too much money. The basic message that I sensed from it was that it is okay to get hopelessly drunk, just as long as you do it carefully. That is a redundant concept. A person gets drunk because they weren't careful. There was no mention of the fact that a

drunk student can be an embarrassing and bothersome distraction for those around him/her who are actually responsible and are here for an education.

I additionally noticed that alcoholic beverages were being served at this event and that they were being mixed and poured in the SGA Commons Room and then carried to the Great Hall. Is there really a need to be serving alcohol to students during their work day? Companies will penalize and often fire workers for drinking on the job, why should students be allowed to do it? Being a university student is a job is it not?

This concludes my latest opinion on what I believe is the single most serious problem facing this university today. I earnestly hope that the debate and discussion, and hopefully reaction will increase.

Butting Out Your Rights

by, Max O'Malley
Contributor

This past week has marked yet another hike in taxes on cigarettes, bringing the price of a carton up \$1.20. That's enough to make the average smoker curse under his breath, but evidently is not enough for the Non Smoker's Right Association, who, in the very height of arrogance, have decided that their way is the right way. You see, these enlightened individuals want cigarette taxes up a whopping \$10 per carton, because this will obviously curb the desire for people to light up. Of course, they're ignoring the fact that the federal government, in the recent past, had to cut cigarette taxes in an attempt to slow down smuggling. Right now you're probably reading this with your mouth gaping open, exclaiming "What?!!!!? You mean if cigarette prices are too high, people will find another way to get them at a cheaper price?" Yes, my friends, take it from me, people do that.

Of course, there is a reason why my favorite thief, er, I mean politician Mr. Chrétien did not increase the price of a carton to \$10 like the NSRA wanted - he isn't raising

the tax to prevent people from smoking. Now, this is the part of my article when you can all take out your calculators, because we're going to do some math.

Presently, tobacco taxes generate \$2 billion a year. (By the way, Mr. Chrétien asked me to thank all you smokers out there.) Current figures suggest that this new tax hike will generate \$70 million a year. Of course, this is assuming that every smoker in the country doesn't decide to take up Nicorette or the Patch because of booming cigarette prices. Now, our benevolent Liberal overlords, in all of their compassion and concern over the plight of the common person who may decide to take up the nasty habit in question, spend in a year about \$20 million on tobacco control. And that's not just the adds, that's the overall total of all forms of tobacco control. For all of you arts students, that's barely a fraction of the money they make. If this government was seriously concerned about saving lives, they would put some real money into tobacco control.

But wait! Isn't there a deeper issue that needs to be touched on

here? What gives these esteemed men and women the right to punish its citizens for purchasing a product that they allow merchants to sell, and only harms the person that is smoking it? And before you all jump to your computers and write nasty e-mails to Lambda saying, "What about second-hand smoke?", let's not forget that these tax dollars are not going to implementing non-smoking areas in a manner that would be fair and effective to all concerned. These tax hikes are a money grab and represent a serious infringement of the rights of Canadians. In the end, is it really the government's or the NSRA's business whether or not you decide to light up a smoke. And once again, I don't want to hear "What about the children who buy cigarettes without knowing the consequences?", because as far as I'm concerned, that is an issue that should be taken care of in the household. Just because some people are irresponsible with their children, does not constitute the right for governments or self-righteous special interest groups to impose their beliefs on how we, as Canadians, should live our lives.

This University Belongs to the Students Shame!!!

by Todd Bosak
Columnist

In my SGA article this week, I announced that the SGA will be offering a food bank starting December 1st. While the SGA is proud that this service will be available, I have to say that it is a sad state of affairs that we need such services.

I could go on for a whole page about what got us to the point as students where record numbers of us are needing food banks. Whether it's cuts to OSAP for part-time students, cuts to federal transfer payments or tuition increases, there are many architects of this current situation.

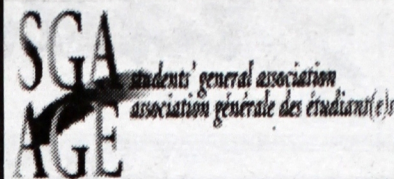
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dents to this point, you know who you are. Actually, many of you probably don't read a small paper like this from a tiny university. Perhaps finding a way to bail out Canadian Airlines investors or pursuing free trade with South America is more important than student hunger. I guess that we can only hope that today's hungry will be tomorrow's architects of change and that you will rue the day that you ignored them. There will be no constant reminders of who put us in this position as we provide food for students. We will continue to advocate on behalf of students but the food bank will not be consistently politicized and its consumers will not be indoctrinated.

That said, I must briefly mention before its creation, that the need for it is directly related to the aggressive anti-student stance of many. It would be irresponsible to respond to student poverty without briefly pointing out its source.

December 1st will be a proud day in many ways for SGA. It will be just a bit easier for students who are in need to seek assistance with dignity here at Laurentian. In many ways though, it should be a shameful day for many decision makers, nationally, provincially and locally. I say to them, you have exacted your pound of flesh from students, look what you have created.

Shame.



Notes from the SGA

by Todd Bosak
V.P. Student Affairs

The SGA endeavors to provide for LU students in any way possible. For some, it has been made clear that there is more and more need for food banks and other forms of assistance. For many years, the LU residence staff have done a truly great job in running a food bank in residence. In an effort to build on this great work, and provide for the many off campus students in need of assistance, the SGA will be opening a food bank at its office in the student center. This location will be open as of December 1st.

In starting such a service, the SGA is in need of assistance. If you as a student or as a staff member, faculty member or administration member are able to donate a non-perishable food or toiletry item (or cash donation) please drop them off at our office. We are open from 9am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

If you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to drop by the office after December 1st, for discreet, confidential assistance. If you need help before December 1st, please drop by the Residence life office (located on student street). As well, please keep an eye out for details about the food bank in upcoming issues of Lambda as well as at other sites on campus.

Tonto Kicks the Shit Out of the Lone Ranger

by Tonto
Columnist

Back a few years ago, before most of us were born, there was a little problem that happened down in the States on a little known reservation called Pine Ridge, soon to become world famous. This reservation just had its chief's election. With the help of the FBI, and some creative ballot counting, Dickie Wilson became Chief. Now Wilson was a self-hater. He didn't want any of the "old ways" to interfere with his plans to use Pine Ridge as a dump sight for nuclear waste.

The elders of the community called in AIM, the American Indian Movement. They were there to battle the GOON's, Guardians of the Oglala Nation. These GOONs would beat up the elders, harass the traditional people or anyone that didn't agree with Wilson. The FBI who was there to make sure no one questioned Wilson's decisions also armed these GOONs.

So now AIM comes in. The Chief Warrior of AIM at the time is Leonard Peltier. Peltier and two other AIM members were driving when they noticed they were followed by two FBI agents. A shoot-out began. Now it depends which side you are on to see which side started the shooting. After all the smoke clears both the agents and an AIM member are

dead. AIM went on the run. Peltier ran to Canada and actually stayed in Ontario for a while. Three trials happened and all the accused were cleared.

Peltier decided to turn himself in to the Canadian authorities. The American government needed to get him to the States so they, admittedly, falsified paperwork to get him transferred to the states. Peltier has now served close to 30 years. So this raises some questions:

Why was Peltier charged and not the other man? Why is he still in jail after the US government admitted to falsifying paperwork? Now why was there nothing done about the Native person that was killed?

You know every time I write this column it seems that I ask the same questions. Why do we as Native people suffer when we were here first? We are Indigenous to this land. This land was not empty when the explorers got here.

I write this column because November is the month where the Defense Committee of Peltier is trying to raise awareness concerning this case. Yes that's right, time to become aware! So rip up your text books and learn the real truth behind Native people and not what your history and anthropology teachers taught you.

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La Belle Province

Le Mouvement souverainiste du Québec fait appel à l'ONU

par **Gérald D. Woodard**
Rédacteur francophone

Le Mouvement souverainiste du Québec a réclamé, la semaine passée, une enquête du sous-comité des droits humains de l'Organisations des Nations Unis (ONU) sur le rôle du gouvernement fédéral dans le référendum d'octobre 1995.

La requête du Mouvement est fondée sur les statistiques de Citoyenneté et immigration Canada, tel que publiées dans un reportage du journal *Le Devoir*. Selon ces statistiques, le fédéral a attribué la citoyenneté canadienne à 43 855 immigrants en 1995, ce qui représente une augmentation de 87 pour cent sur 1993.

Selon Gilles Rhéaume, vice-président du Mouvement, Ottawa « a faussé les résultats référendaires » en « attribuant irrégulièrement des certificats de citoyenneté afin de gonfler artificiellement les listes d'électeurs ».

Le porte-parole du ministère de la Citoyenneté et de l'immigration a confirmé la hausse tout en soutenant qu'il ne s'agissait pas d'anormalité. « Avant toutes élections provinciales ou fédérales, a expliqué Derek Hodgson, un effort est fait pour permettre aux nouveaux arrivants d'entrer dans le système et de prendre part au processus démocratique. Ça ne s'est pas seulement produit avant le référendum, ça s'est produit avant les élections en Ontario et avant les

élections fédérales. »

M. Rhéaume, pour sa part, croit qu'Ottawa a tenté de s'immiscer dans le processus référendaire. « Je ne prête pas des intentions innocentes au gouvernement. Loin de là. »

Il a rappelé, d'ailleurs, que ce n'est pas la première fois qu'Ottawa est montré du doigt pour son rôle lors du dernier référendum. « Pour avoir la citoyenneté canadienne, il faut connaître l'une des deux langues officielles. C'est la loi. Et cette loi, ça a été démontré par plusieurs témoignages, a été violée. »

M. Rhéaume, en plus de présenter sa requête à l'ONU, a envoyé un court memorandum de huit pages à tous les pays membres de l'organisation, memorandum qui porte « sur les exactions du gouvernement canadien » lors du dernier référendum. Le memorandum recommande l'instauration par la communauté internationale d'un mécanisme de surveillance international lors du prochain référendum sur la souveraineté.

La prochaine étape sera la traduction du memorandum et son envoi à tous les parlementaires du monde entier. « On ne les laissera pas faire, c'est assez » déclare-t-il.

« Nous croyons que les droits politiques des souverainistes sont bafoués et que ces droits-là sont des droits fondamentaux au même titre que les autres » d'ajouter M. Rhéaume.

Le Harcèlement à la Laurentienne

Par **Kim Dorion**
Centre des femmes

La situation actuelle:

Depuis le mois de juin, la Laurentienne a été privée des services de Norma Macrae, la dernière responsable d'harcèlement engagée à temps plein. La personne engagée tout dernièrement, Bettina Brouckerhoff-Macdonald, travaille sous un contrat qui terminera vers le mois de janvier. Malheureusement, en raison de son contrat à temps partiel elle est seulement disponible 20 heures par semaine, c'est-à-dire quelques heures par jour. Elle n'a pas de personnel de soutien. Ainsi, elle n'a même pas une secrétaire à contacter en cas d'urgence.

La difficulté de cette situation repose sur le fait que les divers représentants de l'Université sont unanimes au besoin d'engager un responsable d'harcèlement à temps plein. Par contre, le Président a été très clair en disant qu'une nouvelle position doit coûter moins cher que la position à temps plein dont nous jouissons avant. Puisque le contrat expirera par le mois de janvier, les responsables de cette position sont chargés de trouver une solution à ce dilemme par ce temps.

Pour « diminuer les coûts », M. Watters a proposé que les cas d'harcèlement soient délégués au Centre de médiation de Sudbury. Ceci implique une équipe de 20 personnes et des coûts de \$150 de l'heure. Si un cas est particulièrement compliqué, les médiateurs devront le renvoyer à des avocats qui spécialisent dans ce domaine. Bien qu'ils ne sont pas situés sur le campus, ils disent qu'ils sont prêts à se déplacer lorsque c'est nécessaire.

Le rôle du centre de médiation n'équivaut pas à celui de responsable d'harcèlement!

Jouer à l'homme du milieu ou étendre une demande spéciale pour une visite sur campus n'était pas du tout nécessaire avec un responsable d'harcèlement. De plus, le centre de médiation n'a jamais desservi un cas d'harcèlement de l'Université. Encore plus important, la médiation dans ce cas pourrait conduire à la revictimisation. De plus, il n'offre pas l'accès, l'anonymité ou la confidentialité retrouvés chez le bureau d'un responsable d'harcèlement qui travaille à temps plein et qui est qualifié à offrir des services d'orientation lui-même ou qui peut offrir des références à un tel service.

Ce qui importe le plus dans cette question, c'est que la délégation et la décentralisation d'un service tellement nécessaire sème de la con-

fusion parmi ceux qui cherchent de l'aide. Lorsqu'il devient difficile de trouver de l'aide, plusieurs personnes choisiront de vivre dans une situation nuisible à leur bien-être.

Ça mange quoi, un responsable d'harcèlement?

La liste suivante des tâches associées à cet emploi a pour but d'illustrer la nécessité et l'importance d'avoir un responsable d'harcèlement engagé à temps plein à la Laurentienne. La personne engagée auparavant était responsable des dossiers d'harcèlement, de l'équité en matière d'éducation et de l'emploi, du Programme d'Assistance aux Employé(e)s (PAE), de la sécurité sur le campus et du service d'accompagnement. Elle était aussi la dirigeante du Comité d'harcèlement qui lui ajoute la tâche de former des gens pour qu'ils puissent y siéger.

De plus, cette responsable agissait en tiers neutre qui avait l'autorité d'agir indépendamment. Ainsi, elle pouvait agir et servir les intérêts de ceux qui la consultaient et non les intérêts des associations à l'intérieur de la communauté universitaire. De plus, elle présentait ses rapports directement au Président, ce qui assurait un poste impartial et non-partisan.

Le poste de responsable d'harcèlement était servi par une personne engagée à temps plein qui pouvait garantir l'anonymité et la confidentialité de toutes les personnes qui la consultaient. Ces conditions sont très importantes pour ceux qui reçoivent de l'aide puisque l'harcèlement est un problème qui peut être compliqué et délicat. De plus, la personne qui détient ce type d'emploi doit être capable d'instaurer la confiance chez ses clients.

La courbe d'apprentissage pour un responsable d'harcèlement etc. sévère puisqu'il n'est pas seulement responsable pour les cas d'harcèlement, mais pour toutes les tâches énumérées ci-dessus. Il est évident qu'une certaine permanence est nécessaire afin d'assurer le bon fonctionnement de ce service.

Voilà. Les services étaient centralisées, disponibles et accessibles. Ce poste promettait la sécurité de l'anonymité et de la confidentialité, et l'assurance que la personne responsable ne servait pas d'autres intérêts et avait l'autorité d'agir. La délégation et la dilution ne servent pas les intérêts de la communauté universitaire. Par contre, elles servent bien l'agenda fiscal du Président.

Est-ce que ça me fait de quoi?

OUI. Sans question.

Le responsable d'harcèlement était engagé à temps plein afin de bien servir votre campus. Par contre, l'agenda fiscal ne semble pas respecter le droit des personnes d'avoir accès à de bons services pour combattre l'harcèlement. Pour nous, un responsable d'harcèlement à temps partiel nuit de façon significative à l'accessibilité de ce service essentiel. Le poste de responsable d'harcèlement servait toute la communauté universitaire et conduisait au bien-être des gens de cette institution. Il est aussi important que le Service de santé et le Service de counselling et d'orientation.

Bien que plusieurs étudiant(e)s pourront être diplômés sans recours à ce service, il y a un nombre important d'étudiant(e)s qui en auront besoin. L'harcèlement existe sous plusieurs formes, et il touche toutes les personnes, non seulement les femmes. L'harcèlement est surtout une question de pouvoir, et le pouvoir est une ressource que les étudiant(e)s manquent souvent au niveau post-secondaire. Que ce soit le/la prof, le/la doyen(ne), l'assistant(e) au prof ou même un(e) autre étudiant(e), ils ont tous le pouvoir de mettre votre sécurité en question ou d'empoisonner votre environnement. Une remarque inappropriée à cause de sa race, des appels téléphoniques ou des messages par courriel menaçants, ou même des invitations sexuelles insolites ne sont que quelques exemples.

Soyez libre de contacter le Président et les dirigeants de votre association d'étudiants. Ils doivent savoir que vous ne voulez pas compromettre votre sécurité et votre bien-être, ni celui des autres gens de votre campus afin d'économiser de l'argent. Vous devez vous exprimer afin d'éviter la perte d'un service qui a établi sa nécessaire maintes fois. Si vous refusez d'agir, vous offrez votre assentiment que ça ne vous dérange pas d'être obligé de courir partout pour recevoir de l'aide, grâce aux compressions budgétaires.

La Collective du Centre des femmes de l'Université Laurentienne

Les étudiant(e)s avec des plaintes d'harcèlement peuvent contacter les dirigeants de leur association, la Sécurité (ext. 6562), le Service de santé (ext. 1067) ou le Service de Counselling (673-6506). Une liste complète des ressources disponibles apparaîtra dans une édition de Lambda à une date ultérieure.

? Chères Héléna y Kat ?

Avez-vous des questions? Connaissez-vous des perturbations dans votre vie personnelle? Nous avons les réponses pour tout. Que ce soit une confrontation avec votre blonde/chum/partenaire/..., que ce soit une injustice que vous avez connue, vous pouvez nous écrire en toute confiance. Vous pouvez laisser vos lettres au local SCE-301 ou les envoyer par courriel à franco-lambda@francemel.com. La rubrique commencera aussitôt que des lettres commencent à arriver.



Louis Grenouille dit :
n'oubliez pas les paroles de Montesquieu lorsqu'il a dit « Les hommes naissent bien dans l'égalité, mais ils n'y sauraient demeurer. »

Le Canada se souvient avec une "Vague de Silence"

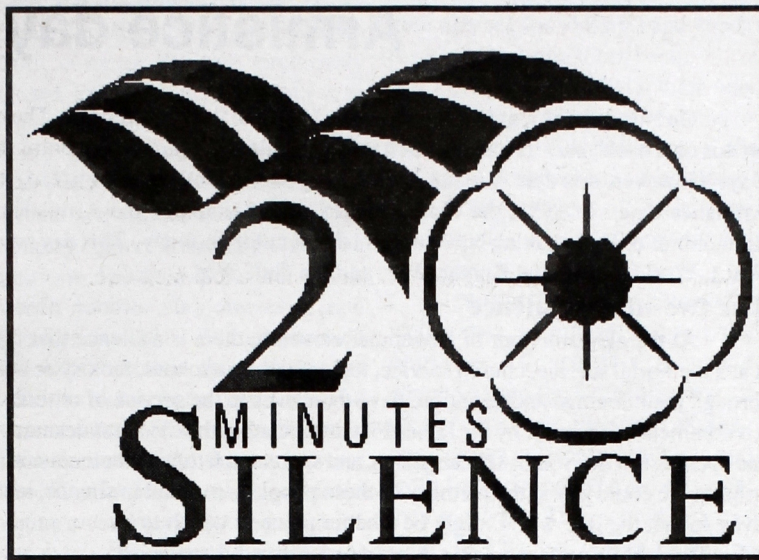
par **Gérald D. Woodard**
Rédacteur Francophone

La Légion royale canadienne lance un appel spécial pour le dernier jour du Souvenir du 20^e siècle. Elle demande à la population du pays entier de faire une pause de deux minutes le 11 novembre à 11h00, heure locale. Cette pause sera un signe d'hommage spécial à toutes les personnes qui sont mortes au service du pays. La période de «2 Minutes de Silence» débutera en Terre-Neuve et traversera le pays comme une "Vague" lorsque l'horloge sonnera 11h00 dans chacun des six fuseaux horaires du pays.

« Le silence est rare et dramatique dans notre société frénétique, déclare Chuck Murphy, Président national de la Légion. Quelques semaines seulement avant la fin du présent millénaire, nous espérons que tous les canadiens prendront deux minutes pour faire une pause et réfléchir sur les sacrifices faits par leurs compatriotes durant ce siècle. »

La «Vague de 2 Minutes de Silence» apportera des changements sur la façon dont nous observons le jour du Souvenir, particulièrement pour ceux et celles qui ne peuvent pas participer à une cérémonie locale du Souvenir ou regarder la diffusion de la cérémonie nationale sur le réseau national de télévision. La «Vague» leur fournira l'occasion de participer, d'arrêter, pendant quelques moments, ce qu'ils font sans aucune cérémonie ou sous-entendu religieux.

La campagne de la «Vague» est centrale à l'important mandat de la Légion, c'est à dire, la perpétuation du Souvenir. Il reste très peu de survivants de la Première Guerre mondiale, et les anciens combattants



de la Deuxième Guerre mondiale nous quittent à un taux de près de 100 individus par jour. « Si nous voulons éviter de répéter les horreurs de ce siècle, nous devons nous en souvenir » ajoute Murphy. « Alors que le nombre de témoins directs diminue, il nous incombe tous de rendre hommage à leur héritage. »

Le Canada est l'un de seulement quelques pays qui n'ont jamais fait de guerre d'agression; cependant, durant ce siècle, près de 1,5 million de jeunes canadiens se sont portés volontaires pour servir dans nos Forces militaires et dans la Marine marchande, et au dessus de 116,000 ne sont jamais revenus au pays.

La campagne de la «Vague de Silence» sera exécutée au niveau communautaire à travers le Canada. « Avec un effectif de près de 500,000 légionnaires qui en discuteront avec leurs voisins, les gens d'affaires locaux, et dirigeants civiques et religieux, nous sommes confiants que le message sur la "Vague" sera compris par la population » déclare

Bob Butt, gérant des relations publiques de la Légion.

Il existe aussi un appui national pour ce projet. Les membres de l'exécutif de la Légion ont communiqué avec des entreprises, des milliers d'associations, des municipalités, et des conseils scolaires, ainsi qu'avec les médias d'information. « Les dirigeants des réseaux principaux et des chaînes de médias d'information ont répondu de façon positive à cette initiative, exprimant leur appui. La Société Radio-Canada incorporera les deux minutes de silence dans son émission du 11 novembre, et plusieurs postes de télévision privés feront quelque chose d'inouï, ils diffuseront une émission de deux minutes de silence.

Ce projet semble intéresser beaucoup la population canadienne. Lors d'un sondage effectué par la société Environics au compte de la Légion, 87 pour cent des répondants ont indiqué qu'ils observeraient probablement la période de deux minutes de silence, le 11 novembre prochain.

John McCrae - poète et soldat

par **Gérald D. Woodard**
Rédacteur Francophone

L'individu qui a contribué le plus à l'adoption du coquelicot au Canada était officier médical canadien durant la Première Guerre mondiale. Il s'agit du lieutenant colonel John McCrae, originaire de Guelph en Ontario.

John McCrae était un beau grand gaillard âgé de 43 ans, membre du Corps médical canadien. Il avait servi en tant qu'artilleur durant la guerre des Boers en Afrique du Sud et, lorsqu'il s'est rendu sur le front à Ypres le 22 avril 1915, il était renommé comme individu qui avait l'oeil d'un artilleur, le doigté d'un chirurgien et l'âme d'un poète.

Le 22 avril, pour la première fois, l'ennemi s'est servi de gaz toxique. Cependant, leur premier assaut a échoué, de même pour le deuxième assaut et aussi le suivant. En effet, durant une période de 17 jours et nuits, les alliés ont repoussé de maintes vagues d'assaut. McCrae a alors écrit - "On peut voir les morts étendus sur le champ devant nous, et aux endroits où l'ennemi lance son offensive, les morts sont empilés sur les inclinaisons des tranchées allemandes".

Le lieutenant colonel McCrae travaillait dans une station de soins médicaux sur le banc du canal Yser où il appliquait des pansements à des centaines de blessés sans se soucier d'enlever ses vêtements, et ceci pendant 17 jours. En fait, à certains moments, les morts et les blessés roulaient de son tranchée-abri jusqu'au banc du canal. À d'autres moments, lorsqu'il attendait l'arrivée d'un autre groupe de blessés, il pouvait voir les hommes qui travaillaient dans les lots d'enterrement, lots qui s'emplissaient rapidement. Après quelques temps, McCrae et son unité ont été relevés de leurs fonctions, et dans une lettre aux siens, il a écrit ceci : "Nos corps sont trop épuisés, mais nos esprits le sont encore davantage. L'impression générale dans mon esprit est l'une d'un vrai cauchemar".

Le lieutenant colonel McCrae est revenu de Ypres avec 13 lignes griffonnées sur un bout de papier. Ces lignes, un poème, débutaient comme suit : "Au champ d'honneur les coquelicots sont parsemés de lot en lot..."

Il s'agissait des lignes qui sont maintenant gravées dans les coeurs et les pensées les plus profondes de tous les soldats qui les ont entendues. John McCrae était devenu leur voix. Le poème fut circulé parmi les soldats et transmis oralement tout comme une chanson folklorique. Tous ceux qui l'ont entendu ont éprouvé de grandes d'émotion. Aux États-Unis, par exemple, le poème inspira la Légion américaine à adopter, elle aussi, le coquelicot comme symbole du Souvenir.

Au Canada, le coquelicot fut officiellement adopté en 1921 par l'Association des anciens combattants de la Grande Guerre ("The Great War Veterans Association") suite à la suggestion de Madame E. Guérin, une française. Cependant, il n'y a aucun doute que l'impact du poème de John McCrae a grandement influencé cette décision.

Le poème fait référence "au champ d'honneur", mais le sujet est universel - la crainte des morts qu'ils soient à jamais oubliés, que leur mort aurait été en vain. Le Souvenir, tel que symbolisé par le coquelicot, est notre réponse éternelle qui dément cette crainte. Malheureusement, le lieutenant colonel McCrae est décédé suite à une pneumonie, à Wimereux en France (près de Boulogne), le 28 janvier 1918 à l'âge de 44 ans.

La fleur du souvenir

par **Gérald D. Woodard**
Rédacteur Francophone

Avez-vous remarqué, ce temps-ci, le nombre de fleurs qui poussent autour de nous? De belles petites fleurs rouge-sang? Ce sont des fleurs biens spéciales, car elles ne fleurissent qu'une fois par an - dans le froid hivernal du début novembre. Ces fleurs, bien-sûr, sont des coquelicots. Peut-être le temps est venu pour une leçon sur l'histoire de cette petite fleur magistrale.

Le coquelicot a été adopté en 1921, par l'association des anciens combattants de la Grande Guerre ("The Great War Veteran's Association"), comme fleur officielle du souvenir à la suite de la suggestion de Madame E. Guérin, une Française. Cependant l'histoire du coquelicot remonte bien plus loin que cela.

Un journaliste pendant les guerres napoléoniennes a écrit au sujet du grand nombre de coquelicots qui fleurissaient sur les tombeaux des soldats morts dans la région des «Flandres», en France. Avant la première guerre mondiale peu de coquelicots fleurissaient dans la



région des Flandres. Mais, durant les bombardements intenses de cette guerre, les terrains crayeux sont devenus riches de chaux, ce qui favorisait les coquelicots. Après la guerre, la chaux a été rapidement absorbée, et les coquelicots sont de nouveau disparus.

Le lieutenant colonel John McCrae, médecin militaire canadien à la première Guerre, a établi le même rapport entre le coquelicot et les champs de batailles et a écrit son célèbre poème «In Flanders Fields» (Au champ d'honneur). Le coquelicot est vite devenu symbole des soldats morts au combat.

Trois ans plus tard, une américaine, Moins Michael, qui travaillait dans une cantine de la YMCA à New York, s'est mis à porter un coquelicot en signe de souvenir des millions de soldats qui avaient donné leur vie au champ d'honneur.

En 1920, Madame E. Guérin, une Française, a eu connaissance de cette pratique pendant une visite aux États-Unis. À son retour en France, elle a décidé de se servir de coquelicots faits à la main pour ramasser des fonds pour aider aux enfants en besoin dans les régions dévastées du pays. En novembre 1921, les premiers coquelicots ont été distribués au Canada.

Grâce aux millions de Canadiens qui portent, chaque novembre, un coquelicot, la petite fleur rouge continue à fleurir, ainsi que la mémoire des 116,031 Canadiens qui ont laissé leur vie «au champ d'honneur».

Pour de plus amples informations, visitez le site Internet de la Légion royale canadienne au www.legion.ca.

Au champ d'honneur

*Au champ d'honneur les coquelicots
Sont parsemés de lot en lot,
Auprès des croix. Et dans l'espace
Les alouettes devenues lasses
Mêlent leurs chants au sifflement
Des obusiers.
Nous sommes morts,
Nous qui songions la veille encor'
À nos parents, à nos amis,
C'est nous qui reposons ici
Au champ d'honneur
À vous jeunes désabusés
à vous porter l'oriflamme
Et vous garder au fond de l'âme
Le goût de vivre en liberté
Acceptez le défi, si non
Les coquelicots se faneront
Au champ d'honneur.*

Feature:

a Time to Remember

Earn It

by Derek Serafini

Features Editor

I was driving down the Kingsway a few days ago and a warning light started flashing on the dash in my car. I wasn't too concerned as I had seen that light a number of times before and I was well versed in fixing the problem. So I pulled over, opened the hood, and went through the process of reattaching a cord that had come loose. I got back in the car and drove away. Less than a minute later, the light started flashing again. So, I got out and fixed the problem again and took off driving. A few seconds later, the light started flashing. I cursed out loud and brought it to the mechanic. After a quick inspection, I was told I needed to sink \$300 into fixing the problem. I cursed under my breath and paid the money.

Later that day, I was doing some homework. At one point, I took a break and realized how much work I had to do just to get up to where I was supposed to be. Again, I cursed. I remember thinking how unfair it was that I had to do all that work and how I would have to spend my weekend reading.

That evening, I was at my job at the grocery store. While I was working, I was caught up thinking about how much time I was losing by being there. But, I had to be there to get the money to pay for my car. While I was putting bananas on the table, I couldn't help but think how unfair this all is. I'm a poor student, just trying to keep his grades up and scrape up enough money to stay in school. My God, life is unfair.

All in all, that day, I probably complained about at least a hundred things - my car, my schoolwork, my job, my lack of time and money, the weather, my job, idiot drivers,you name it.

I am a moron sometimes. I get caught up in thinking that I am number one, that I am the center of the universe and that I don't deserve the hardships of my life. Sometimes I think that life is unfair and that I have no luck and no chances.

The truth is, I am probably one of the luckiest people on the planet. I am twenty-one-years-old and I have access to everything that I will ever need. Sure, I am in debt, I have a shitbox car, I am sometimes overwhelmed with my academic workload. But, what great problems to have. Had I been born 50 years ago, I would not be here right now. I would be forced to go overseas and fight for my country. I would, like countless young people, have to face the imminent possibility of my death.

But, I don't have to do that. I get to sit here and bitch and complain about the world and what an unlucky lot I have drawn. I get to have fun and laugh. I get to experience all those things that are essential to the human experience. Many people died so I can do them. And when I think about it, I'm a moron. I waste a great deal of my time. People died so that I can have this luxury.

That's why I think we should use this time of year to do more than just reflect on what people did for us. I think we must also resolve to make sure that they did not die in vain. We must take responsibility to create a world worth dying for. As Tom Hanks' character in *Saving Private Ryan* uttered as he died, "earn it." Perhaps we need to seriously look at our lives and think about whether we have earned the right to be here drawing breath, while so many people (with so much potential) died so that we could be here today.



Churchill gives the victory sign that he made famous in World War II

Armistice day

On November 11, at 11 am, in the year 1918, the fighting stopped. The end of World War I is commemorated on this date each year. The day, which was set aside to honour the veterans of World War I, was called Armistice Day. However, this date was not always kept on November 11. Instead, it fell on the first Monday before the Armistice date. In 1931, the Canadian parliament amended the Armistice Day Act and changed the name to Remembrance Day, making November 11th a statutory holiday. This day now honours those who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Gulf War.

The two-minute silence

At the eleventh hour of November eleventh, there is a silence that falls across time. For two minutes, be it at a memorial service, church service, legion hall, in a school, factory or business, we pay homage to those who, through their courage and devotion, gave their lives in the service of others. This period of silence is the result of a recommendation made by Sir James Fitzpatrick, a South African statesman, after World War I. A man who loved the openness of the South African plains, and spent much time in their natural silence, believed that one of the finest tributes we could pay to the memory of these people is to stand in silence, and think about those who had lost their lives so that the free world might be a better place in which to live.

The Peace Tower and the National War Memorial

The Peace tower of the Ottawa Parliament buildings is a national memorial dedicated to the Canadians who gave their lives in service during the two World Wars. In the Chamber of the tower, there are the four Books of Remembrance that hold all the names of Canadians who died in the service of our country. The Carillon, located above the Chamber, consists of fifty-three bells that range in weight from ten pounds to more than two tons. It is only heard on great national occasions.

The National War Memorial, located in Confederation Square, is a monument that represents pride and dignity. Above the big stone archway of the memorial, stand two carved figures representing Peace and Freedom. The Monument, which commemorates the many people who served in battle shows soldier figures that appear to be passing through an archway towards victory.



Canadian soldiers advance on the enemy

The Books of Remembrance

Canadian military history is not a topic that springs quickly or easily to the minds of most Canadians. Unlike such countries as the U.S. or Israel, Canadians do not associate military conquests with national identity or heritage. But, that certainly does not mean that Canadians have not made important contributions to international war efforts. On the contrary, Canadian participation in both world wars was vital to the Allied war cause. Unfortunately, this participation did not come without its price.

In honour of some hundred-thousand Canadians who died in service, the Canadian government officially began the Books of Remembrance in 1928. These books are essentially the Canadian equivalent of the Vietnam war memorial wall in the United States. Each of the Books of Remembrance contains the names of Canadian men and women who lost their lives in battle or as a result of wounds incurred in battle. There are six books in total, including: the Newfoundland Book, the South Africa/Nile book, the Merchant Navy Book, The Korean War, World War I, and World War II.

The books are housed in the Memorial Chamber on the third floor of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. They are available for viewing by the public. At precisely 11:00 am everyday, a page is turned in each book. Every single name in every single book appears on the open page at least once every twelve months. For people interested in honouring their late relatives, photocopies of any page are available upon request. All of the Books of Remembrance are now available on the Internet.

There is something very profound and intimate about seeing the list of names of real people who died for the sake of Canada and other Canadians. What may have seemed very abstract and distant from everyday life now appears tangible and "in your face." Images of young Canadians fighting for all the values that we take for granted might not seem all that real until you see their names on the pages in front of you. These were people who had dreams and aspirations just like we do. But, war stepped in and changed everything for these soldiers and their families.

While a mere book of names is not nearly enough to commemorate all these men and women who died for us, it is a start. A little bit of these people lives on in the fact that we can see their names, know that they lived, and recognize and appreciate that we don't have to fight in wars because of what they did for us. These are people who stopped Hitler, and helped countless people to stay alive and enjoy their freedom. The Books of Remembrance exist to keep the spirit of these people alive, to humble those of us who take our cushy lives for granted, and to help us make sure that we never do it again.

Features

Behind the Scenes

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Women made major contributions to the war efforts. During the war, they worked on farms, in industries, joined volunteer organizations, and entered the service as nurses to help raise certain social issues.

In World War I, married as well as unmarried, women entered the work force in large numbers. Women were farming across the country. In Ontario alone, over 2000 female high school and college students were billeted in camps and hostels to that they could help bring in the harvest each summer.

Many women joined volunteer organizations to produce much needed bandages, knitted socks, sweaters, mittens and scarves. They also raised funds to send candy and cigarettes to the troops. More importantly, they marshaled support for the cause, convincing mothers and wives to allow their men to enlist.

Soon after the war began, many Canadian women volunteered to work overseas. Twenty-five hundred women served as nursing sisters in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Forty-six died while in service. Margaret Macdonald received the Royal Red Cross and the Florence Nightingale Medal for her efforts as director of the army's nursing sisters. Many of the nurses worked in field hospitals just behind trench lines, or in hospitals on bases in France and Britain.

Women also took over jobs that were held by men in the past. Over thirty-thousand women entered factory jobs working on munitions

and other war industries. In this sector, however, discrimination remained. Women were paid lower wages, lacked union support, and there was inadequate day-care facilities. This did not stop the women from entering the jobs previously closed to them, including railways and steel production.

Since women were doing so much on the home front, they wanted a share in the decision-making of the country. Many joined the Canadian Patriotic Fund (established 1914), which lobbied day nurseries and health inspections. Women received the right to vote in three stages: the Military Votes Act of 1917 allowed women who were serving in the armed forces or nursing in the war to vote; The Wartime Elections Act extended voting privileges to women, age 21 and over whose fathers, husbands, or sons served overseas; finally, in 1918, all women recognized as British citizens in Canada, over the age of 21, could vote.

After the first World War ended, many of the men returned to fill their jobs and women had returned to the private sphere of the home. The Second World War brought women back into the workforce. Many women (approximately 800,000) went into offices and factories during the war. Some studied to become mechanics, welders, and electricians. Again, they were paid less than men and there was a lesser chance of promotion.

Many single women had been working at low-paying occupations as teachers and office workers. The shortage of labour created by the war caused the government to call on

more single and married women without children to work in war-industry factories. The National Selective Service encouraged female recruitment and urged women to "role up their sleeves for victory" and "back them up - to bring them back."

However, by 1943, there was a lack of labour and it was essential to recruit women with children to work in the labour movement, at least part-time. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec set up government-funded nurseries on a temporary basis.

World War II saw women, as well as men, go into service wearing uniforms. Forty-five thousand women joined the women's corps of the air force, army, and navy. Women over the age of twenty could join and would never be paid the same as what men received. They would be pressured into taking jobs as typists or cooks, and would only command other women. Unilingual French-speaking women were not accepted because training facilities were available only in English.

The end of the war brought things back to "normal." Women in the armed services were weeded out. Many of the barriers that kept women out of the workforce remained in place. The number of women working outside the home plummeted.

Today, many changes have occurred in Canada. More women work in non-traditional jobs and women now serve actively in the Army, Navy, and Air Force. This Remembrance day, try to remember the women who helped a great deal in the war effort.

The Forgotten Heroes

by Beth Pentney
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Women are not usually the focus of the elaborate ceremonies that take place every Remembrance Day, the ceremonies that honour those who gave their lives in war. Innumerable names of men who died serving Canada's military in wartime throughout our history are given recognition on November 11th; we bow our heads in respect and try to understand what it is that all those men did for us. However, there are also many women who died defending their countries, women that have not received adequate credit for their sacrifices. It is important to acknowledge these forgotten troops: the women who died on the battlefields, in the hospitals, among the men. Because their stories are both touching and informative, and they can teach us a lot about ourselves, and our ancestors. These accounts of women who died in war are a small reminder that women helped make North America what it is today.

Canadian statistics concerning women who died in warfare were somewhat difficult to locate on the Internet. Whether the data was just not there, or whether I was looking in the wrong places, is questionable. I came to the conclusion that there is probably very little in the way of resources on this subject for two reasons. First, Canadian military forces are not nearly as large or as influential as their American counterparts, so information is limited, and second, women have not been recognized for their efforts in the military. Still, I did come across some interesting and useful American figures, taken from the site: *Women Veterans, A History of Their Past...Information for the Present*, at <http://userpages.aug.com/captbarb/index.html>. The site offers a lot of information about women in combat and it also includes detailed lists of names of women who have died in various battles.

The American Civil War apparently claimed the lives of sixty American Army women. Among these women was a nineteen-year-old girl who was only known as "Emily." Frank Moore told her story in *Women in War 1866*. She was fatally wounded on the battlefield after running away from her home to join the army. Her telegram to her father reveals a frightened young soldier: "Forgive your dying daughter. I have but a few moments to live. My native soil drinks my blood. I expected to deliver my country but the fates would not have it so. I am content to die. Pray forgive me...Emily."

Over 400 American military women died in World War II. This figure includes nurses, one of whom was a 24-year-old woman from Glenwood City, Wisconsin. Ellen Ainsworth died from enemy fire, which hit the Italian hospital in which she was working. Although there was severe damage to the building, Army reports showed her courage: "by her disregard for her own safety and her calm assurance she instilled confidence in her assistants and her patients, thereby preventing serious panic and injury. Her courage under fire and her selfless devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed her actions." Ellen was awarded a Silver Star and a Purple Heart for her contributions.

At least 38 women died in the "Operation Babylift" plane crash after the Vietnam War. These women were assisting with the evacuation of orphaned Vietnamese children outside of Saigon in the spring of 1975. Among them was a 27-year-old flight nurse, Captain Mary Therese Klinker. She was awarded the Airman's Medal for Heroism and the Meritorious Service Medal.

These three accounts are only a few examples of what American women have given up for their country. Canadian women have also fought courageously beside men in the past. These stories also demonstrate qualities that are crucial in fighting a war: bravery, leadership, and nobility. These women, among others, possessed the qualities necessary for the war, and they are deserving of recognition. Today, women are integrated into all aspects of the military more than ever, which is why it is so important that we remember those who came and died before. Remembrance Day is an opportunity to pay respects to the people who did not make it home after war. "Lest we forget," women were among these people.

Respect and Remembrance: Not Often Said, Not Often Done

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Sometimes it makes me very sad to be a part of a generation who very seldom takes the time to look back on the accomplishments of our grandparents, relatives and friends who fought for our freedom. I feel that the most sincere way to show that you are proud of someone or that you are thankful for what they did is to show them respect. A lot of young people (I'm not saying all) don't realize what their grandparents have to offer them, and what great people they really are. Your greatest link to the past is your parents and grandparents, you should take advantage of this. Grandparents are full of stories and knowledge that one could never imagine. University and college diplomas are great but they don't measure experience.

My grandfather fought in the war and then afterwards ended up marrying my grandmother, they then proceeded to have nine children. They raised these kids in a three bedroom house, (this, I feel it is a great accomplishment) I live in the very same house today (there are five of use compared to the eleven) and wonder how they ever did it. What I would like to share is a story which I found

in a book from the Legion to which my grandparents belong to. I think it shows that grandparents are interesting, worthy of your time and respect, and definitely worth being proud of.

In November, 1943 George (my grandfather) was sent overseas as part of the Service Corps where he was stationed at Hull, England prior to taking part in the invasion of Normandy. As the time for the invasion approached, "We were busy getting our trucks waterproofed; we were told that our lives depended on the way we prepared our trucks." George left England on D-Day and spent a day or more on the English Channel prior to landing on Juno Beach. Ironically, because of some mix-up, George was ordered to drive a completely different truck off the barge, a make that he had never driven before. However, the sea water came all the way up to the steering wheel. "The driver who was supposed to drive this truck must have done a good job waterproofing because I made it to shore."

With heavy, almost continuous rain during the days before and after the D-Day landings, sleeping in trenches was miserable. "We would park our trucks over the trenches for protection from the rain which wasn't very smart with two tons of ammuni-

tion in the truck on top of you." As part of the liberation of Belgium and Holland, George has memories of both the horrors and the positive aspects to the drive to victory in Europe. In particular he remembers the hospitality of the Dutch people towards Canadian soldiers. Another fond memory is the brief meeting with his brothers (three Murphy brothers fought in the war) in the Reichwald Forest in Germany at the end of the War.

My grandparents often tell me and my sisters and I how proud they are of us. How often do I tell them that I am proud of them? I am very proud of both of my grandparents and the accomplishments which they both have made. Are you proud of yours? Tell them.



The rotted feet of a soldier who spent too much time in the trenches

The Hitler Cloning Complex

by Sarah Hamelin
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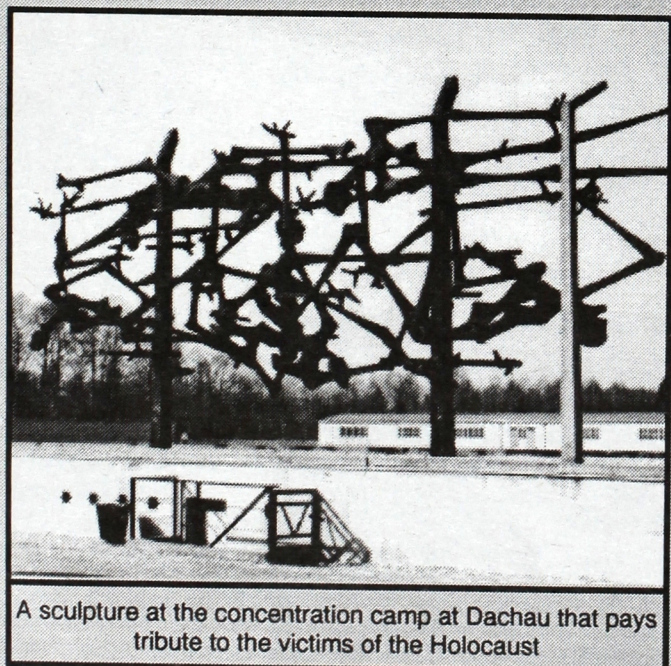
Now for some reason, when I heard long ago that Hitler had at one point devised this brilliant plan, I was actually curious about it. But once I heard the plan, I was more humored by it than anything else. So what was this brilliant plan? Why, Hitler had come up with the notion of cloning himself to produce a whole population of little Hitler spin-offs. I suppose over everything else the thought of a few hundred (or worse, thousand) Hitlers running around should mortify me, but I mean come on, imagine the guy. As I explained to one friend, I can't help but think of him as Charlie Chaplin every time I see pictures of him. I have this urge to draw a little beagle hat on his head and stick him in a black and white movie where he can't talk. If anything, this might have been an improvement. So now that I've gotten off topic, it's time I got back onto it. So this whole concept of Hitler cloning himself made me wonder exactly what it would take for this to be done.

So what exactly is a clone? Well it can be two things: a group of genetically identical cells, or a group of organisms that are genetically identical. Either way, we see the key element here being 'genetically identical'. Typically a group of genetically identical organisms however are the product of asexual creatures, meaning that they can reproduce on their own since they possess both the male and female reproductive counterparts. But if you ask me, that kinda just takes all the fun out of it.

Back in 1952, Robert Briggs and Thomas King, developmental biologists at the Institute for Cancer Research in Philadelphia, developed a cloning method called nuclear transplantation, or nuclear transfer, which was first proposed by a German scientist named Hans Spemann in 1938 (see, German! Coincidence? I think not). In this method, the nucleus (the structure that contains the cell's genetic material) is removed from an egg cell of an organism, a process known as enucleation. The nucleus from a body cell of another organism of the same species is then placed into the enucleated egg cell. Fed by the nutrients in the egg cell, an embryo (an organism prior to birth) begins growing. Because the embryo's genes came from that of the nucleus, the embryo is genetically identical to the organism from which the body cell was obtained.

Rather complex? Seems so, but when it comes down to it the principle isn't all that complicated. Of course there are people for and against the whole human cloning thing. They seem okay with the whole prospect of cloning human body parts, such as ears and kidneys for example, but when it comes to the idea of humans themselves, the subject is a little touchy. It's a process that comes in handy with things such as eliminating diseases from embryos, but the gene manipulation is being taken to new limits where you can choose such things as your child's eye color, hair color, their height, details which probably expand down to their shoe size. Now to me this tends to be removing the individuality and taking away the things that make us what we are, not to mention the fact of what's going to happen to the gene pool if we alter with such things? Our evolution is based on the gene pool, messing with it essentially messes with our survival as a race, which to me is a big no-no.

I'm happy being who I am and not some Hitler offspring. It was a clever idea for the time, that has to be admitted, but then again the person they wanted to clone wasn't the best subject. Then again, perhaps all in all that was the whole point of it, clone thousands of Hitlers to drive the population of the world mad, hence making them vulnerable and susceptible to invasion and then his quest for world domination would be complete. Scary thought



A sculpture at the concentration camp at Dachau that pays tribute to the victims of the Holocaust

Auschwitz: Not Exactly Your Home Away From Home

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Over time, whether it be in day to day life (though highly doubtful), while watching a movie, or even in those mandatory history classes they made you take in highschool; wherever it happens to be, everyone has at some point come into contact with the term 'concentration camp'. Back during the war, people would receive messages telling them to report for "transport", this meaning their transportation to concentration camps. For most they didn't know exactly what a concentration camp was, only that they and those surrounding them were being taken there. It was the unknown. Perhaps had they known what would be coming, they wouldn't have been so indifferent about being sent there.

The Nazis established Auschwitz in April 1940 under the direction of Heinrich Himmler. The camp at Auschwitz originally housed political prisoners from Poland and from concentration camps within Germany. Construction of the nearby Birkenau (Brzezinka, also known as Auschwitz II) began in October 1941 and included a women's section after August 1942. Birkenau had four gas chambers, which were designed to resemble showers, and four crematories that were used to incinerate bodies. Approximately 40

camps were built around Auschwitz, each of which was a forced labor camp, the collective being known as Auschwitz III.

When convoys arrived at Auschwitz, the passengers were automatically divided into 3 groups. The first group was immediately sent to the gas chamber, being that they were sent to Birkenau. A minimum of 2000 people could be gassed and cremated each day at Birkenau, being put to death using a chemical called Zyklon-B, which was created by a pest-control company and contained prussic acid. The second group were designated as slave laborers at factories and surrounding camps. Of course this didn't mean that the members of this group were safe from death. The recorded number of laborers between 1940-1945 at Auschwitz was 405 000, of this number 340 000 died through beatings, executions, starvation, and sickness. The third group was comprised of twins and 'dwarfs', who were sent to undergo medical testing and experimentation. And then there were some prisoners who were just born lucky and made either a kapos (an orderly), or a sonderkommandos (the people who worked the crematoria).

Oskar Schindler (whose name most people probably recall from the

movie) managed to save 1000 polish Jews by having them sent to work in his factory instead of being condemned to working in concentration camps, or being put to death. Also, there was the formation of resistance organizations in the kapos and the sonderkommandos. These helped a few prisoners successfully escape, and one group of sonderkommandos actually went so far as to destroy a gas chamber at Birkenau. Unfortunately they got caught and were all put to death.

The Germans tended to view that throughout all the gassing and incineration, they should still try and maintain a certain degree of profit, if all together possible that is. Hence before the bodies were burned the victim's hair was cut off, and fillings and false teeth made of precious metals were removed. The hair was used for making haircloth, and the metals were melted into bars and sent to Berlin.

The Auschwitz complex was the site best known for scientifically planned and executed genocide during World War II. No one knows exactly how many deaths there were, but the number is believed to be located somewhere between 1.5 to 4 million (though it is said that Camp Commandant Rudolf Hoess admitted to no less than 2.5 million). Jews are believed to represent a large number of these victims, thought to actually represent about one-third of the 5 to 6 million Jews that were killed throughout the war. Along with Jews, there were Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, gypsies, and homosexuals killed. They didn't seem all that specific about such things.

Deniers acknowledge that some Jews were incarcerated in places such as Auschwitz, but they claim these places were equipped with "all the luxuries of a country club, including a swimming pool, a dance hall and recreational facilities." Some Jews may have died, they said, but this was the natural consequence of wartime deprivations.



The Showers at Dachau in which prisoners were gassed

The Awful Truth

World War I:

1. 628,736 Canadians served.
2. 66,573 died and 138,166 were wounded.
3. 2,818 were taken prisoner of war.
4. 175 merchant seamen died by enemy action.

World War II:

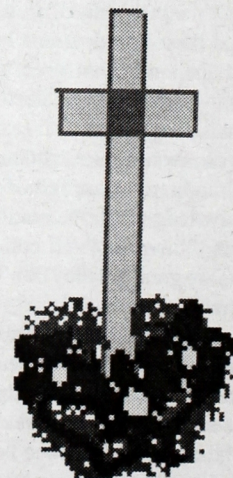
1. 1,031,902 Canadian men and 49,963 Canadian women served.
2. 44,927 died and 43,145 were wounded.
3. 8,271 were taken prisoner of war.
4. 1,146 merchant seamen died by enemy action.

Korea:

1. 26,791 Canadians served.
2. 516 died and 1,558 were wounded.
3. 33 were taken prisoner of war.

The Gulf War:

1. 3,837 Canadian men and 237 Canadian women served.
2. There were no Canadian casualties or prisoners of war during the Gulf War.



Remembrance Day: Remembering What?

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As I pinned a poppy on my son's lapel the other day, he mumbled, "Why do I need to remember? We haven't lost anyone in war." Of course, I launched into a motherly lecture about my grandmother's first husband who was killed in World War I, and my mother's father, who was a medic (and survived) in World War I, and my son's grandfather, who served in the Finland/ Russia war. And then I halted my lecture and wondered, "Is it just me, or have we, as a generation, fumbled the ball, or rather, the torch?"

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be your to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**

Are these words from Dr. McCrae's famous poem just phrases we repeat once a year and forget the meaning of after the moment of silence when we return to our privileged lives? Is that why there is a resurgence of neo-nazism and "white supremacy" and holocaust deniers in the world? Have we forgotten to pass the torch to the next generation?

An article I read recently named several values that the present generation does not have. At the time, the word "sacrifice" stood out. In the shadow of the cenotaph memorial, it still does. "The giving up of something for the sake of something else; the thing so given up; to offer as, devote, give up prized possession...(such as) oneself, one's whole life, one's pleasure." Geoff Pevere says "*Sacrifice is something given as opposed to vengeance taken, a selfless embracing of long-term consequences over short-term satisfaction.*" In our headlong rush in seek-

ing "personal fulfilment," and indulging our children, we have failed to pass on the torch of self-sacrifice.

Where does remembrance begin? With an attitude of gratitude. We should restore the two-minute silence the Royal Canadian legion is asking for. Thank God we still have that time-out in the schools, but it should be supplemented by actual conversations with surviving veterans.

Think about freedoms you can be thankful for and start with those veterans who won the peace and enjoy. Visit them at Pioneer Manor or Extencicare or in their homes and ask them what they sacrificed for you. Listen to their stories of the war and ask about their friends who didn't make it home. Take the time to understand how real war differs from a computer game.

This year, wear a poppy with pride; attend a memorial service; and above all, pass on the torch.



The Holocaust

Remembrance Day is just not about remembering the brave men and women who served in the military. We must also remember the brave civilians and innocent victims who were brutalized in past wars. Most poignantly, we must remember the victims of the Holocaust. While there were many nationalities of people massacred, the main thrust of Nazi Germany in the Second World War was to utterly annihilate the Jewish population of the world.

This was not a mere anti-Semitic view; this was the driving ambition of a conscienceless madman who sought to brutally murder an entire race of people. We think we know of the horror of the Holocaust, but it isn't until we force ourselves to look at what really happened to all of the victims that we really see the extent of the insanity and brutishness of what happened. We like to comfort ourselves by thinking that it was simply the result of one madman and that it will never be allowed to happen again. The reality is that Hitler did not act alone and that genocide continues to occur even today.

It is so easy to stick our heads in the sand and turn a blind eye to the disgusting, shocking acts that were committed during the Holocaust. But, we owe it to the victims, their families, and to ourselves to face what happened in World War II in order to prevent it from happening. Ignorance

may be bliss, but we have to take responsibility for what happens in the world around us.

The first sign of trouble was the requirement of Jewish people to identify themselves by sewing the Star of David on their clothing for all to see. This made them an easy target for the anti-Semitic German army. From there, it progressed to midnight visitations and disappearances and then full-out rounding up of the Jewish people and Jewish sympathizers. These hapless victims were herded onto freight trains like cattle. Bear in mind that these people had done absolutely nothing to merit this humiliation and invasion.

If the frightened and bewildered passengers survived to their destination, they were greeted with an overwhelming stench of decaying flesh and death, only to find that this was where they were to be interred. They worked like slaves in hard labour for hours on end. No one ever had enough to eat. Families and friends were separated and/or had to bear witness as their loved ones were murdered right in front of them.

Barbaric experiments were conducted on living people in the death camps. When the experiments didn't work, the victim was tossed aside and another was plucked from the thousands of prisoners in the camp. Bodies were dumped into open mass graves and then forgotten. Gas chambers

were filled to capacity with people.

The six major concentration camps in operation included: Auschwitz-Birkenau, Belzec, Chelmo, Majdanek, Sobibor, and Treblinka. These death camps killed approximately 3.5 million Jewish people and 1.5 million non-Jewish people. But the real numbers may never be known because of the sheer numbers of people killed and identities erased. But, the horror for those who survived did not end there.

When allied forces finally liberated the concentration camps, the painful process of going on, finding family members, and returning home began. When Jewish survivors returned home, they were greeted by their former neighbours who had taken over their homes and now refused to give them back. There were still strong anti-Semitic feelings and racism ran rampant. Even today, the Jewish community faces racism and hate from groups around the world.

It is impossible to ignore what befell these victims when you look at the pictures and hear the testimonies of those who were there. And if you can't ignore what happened during the Holocaust, then you can't ignore what continues to happen in war-torn countries today. By remembering the atrocities of what is already happening, maybe it will inspire us to stop it from continuing.

Poppy Power?

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Every year around this time you run into the people in the blue suits with the little white boxes asking for donations, in return giving you these little plastic flower with a green felt center and a pin that always falls off at some point or jabs itself painfully into your flesh. This is of course not your fault, being as you're you, a university student, and due to our typical state of drunkenness on the weekends you really can't blame yourself for having no control or aim either way. Seriously though, they are kind of a hassle because you do tend to lose them, or I guess you could be like the one guy you always see who gets like 40 of them and pins them everywhere imaginable. But throughout the years I can't remember a single time that the little plastic pain-givers were not part of Remembrance Day. To have one of those poppies, even though we never knew why they were the symbol of it, we just wore it anyway without really questioning it. So now I sit here questioning, what exactly is its story?

Legend has it that Demeter created the poppy long ago for the purpose of getting some sleep after the loss of her daughter, Persephone. But when she did this, I doubt highly that it was in the hopes of killing herself, which can actually be an after-effect of consuming too much of the poppy's product. When taken in large quantities it becomes a rather lethal tool. Which is perhaps why the twin brothers Hypnos and Thanatos (sleep and Death) were represented as crowned with poppies or carrying poppies in their hands.

It is just generally associated with death, being that it was noticed during the Napoleonic Wars as the mysterious flower that bloomed around the fresh graves of fallen soldiers. It is believed that they grow around the graves as a symbol of the everlasting sleep that the soldiers are enduring. Some even saying that the red color is attributed to their blood, which had been shed in battle. But it was only after the war was over that the poppy began to gain its recognition as a symbol of those who had perished. An American named Moina Michael was the first person to actually wear a poppy, claiming for it to be in memory of all those who died during the war.

And to end on a little more interesting note the poppy flower has a variety of uses it seems, the most common one being that it is used to help people sleep. Another of its uses seems to be in painkillers, being an ingredient in both morphine and codeine. There is even supposed to be a prescription for poppy to be given to children to stop their crying. Ancient Greeks thought that poppies were a sign of fertility. The seeds were thought to bring health and strength to Greek athletes that were given mixtures composed of poppy seeds, honey, and wine. How exactly this helped increase performance, I'm not exactly sure ... And as a last mention, heroin is actually derived from the poppy flower as well, which we all know serves as a depressant by slowing down the body's processes. Of course after hearing this please don't go and start growing poppies, and no, sniffing poppies won't get you high. Then again, if you want to sit there sniffing a plastic flower for a half hour in the hopes of such a thing happening, by all means knock yourself out.

By Death I Am Not Proud

With a loaded gun upon my shoulder
It's my duty to make this round,
While keeping watch I remember what the captain kept saying
"You hear a shot, you hit the ground."

Keeping watch at two in the morning
Making sure no enemies make it in,
Half an hour more until I get to hit the sack
That's when the next guy will begin.

Suddenly a rustling is heard
"Who's there," is what I call,
No one answers, so I shoot
And I hear somebody fall

Running in that direction
Who could I have shot, for I had not seen,
Then I find the body at my feet
It's my best friend Dean.

"Dean wake up, Dean wake up,"
I scream and wonder why
Why God let me kill my best friend
For he didn't deserve to die.

I pick up his body to carry it back
And think about how to tell his loved ones,
Through the sound of the rain I hear the echo of footsteps
And suddenly I reach for my gun.

Too late for I have already been shot
I fall to my knees in the pouring rain,
I feel a deep burning inside my chest
It's the bullet that causes the pain.

And since there is no one near
Dean and I die, and in the mud disappear.

by Sarah Hamelin

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Tyramisu and Bob

by Tyramisu and Bob
Advice Columnists

askusanything@hotmail.com

Q: It's still a month away but my girlfriend insists on talking about Christmas already. I don't like big family things for holidays, which sucks because she wants to take me to her family's big annual Christmas dinner. What can I do to deal with this?

Bob: Family things DO suck, and all the potatoes and gravy in the world aren't going to make up for a girlfriend's stupidass family. There are a couple of ways to get out of this. First, wait until Xmas day, and about two hours before you're supposed to head out to her family's place, lock yourself in the bathroom and pretend to be violently throwing up. Then just lay down for a few hours, pretending to be real sick and wait 'til she leaves to get up and watch some good ol' Xmas porn. Alternatively, you could actually go to the dinner, fart and belch loudly while blowing your nose on the tablecloth and hitting on her grandmother. You'd never get asked to go to another family dinner again.

Tyramisu: Although Bob's ideas would work (Hey, I've got to give him some credit!), it will also have a very negative effect on the relationship - nothing good comes out of lying. So, unless you want to break up with her at the same time, I think you should try something else. How about spending Christmas with YOUR family. That would be a completely valid excuse, and if she respects you, she won't mind that you go. Or, you could always go and discreetly have glass after glass of wine. Chances are, the truth will come out and you won't even remember what you said or did (which may include hitting on her grandmother). Whatever you do, try not to hurt her feelings. I'm sure missing one lousy dinner is not worth losing her over.

Q: I like being naked. Not in public of course but in the privacy of my own apartment. My problem is that my boyfriend doesn't approve of me being naked all the time. He says he doesn't feel too comfortable with me being naked while he's trying to do stuff. I think it's my decision, but he says he should have a say in it too.

Bob: Now don't get me wrong, nudity is great. The problem is that yeah, sometimes there are moments when a naked person shouldn't be doing certain things. A naked woman brushing her hair is sexy. A naked woman squatting to pick something off the floor isn't. Get it? Besides, there are times when you just don't need to see nudity. I mean, if I'm eating my mashed potatoes and steak, the last thing I need to see is a naked butt three feet away. Unless of course it's on my tv screen, and that's a whole other story.

Tyramisu: At last, another nudist. I totally sympathize with your problem. Like you, I love to be naked doing anything from watching TV to writing this advice column. If your boyfriend doesn't feel comfortable, tell him not to go over and visit. If he loves you, he'll accept everything about you, including your slight nudist tendencies. Heck, get him to try it. It won't be long before he's the one that wants to be naked all the time. And, if he doesn't learn to accept this perfectly natural way of doing things (we were not born wearing clothes...were we?) let him know that there are PLENTY of men out there who would be more than willing to spend their time with a naked woman.

Twisted Survey

Given the choice, would you rather lick a sweaty old bald guy's scalp for twelve hours a day, or have your finger permanently lodged in your nostril, up to the knuckle?

Of fifteen people asked:

Lick old bald guy scalp 12 hours a day: 0 (0%)
Finger permanently lodged in your nostril: 15 (100%)

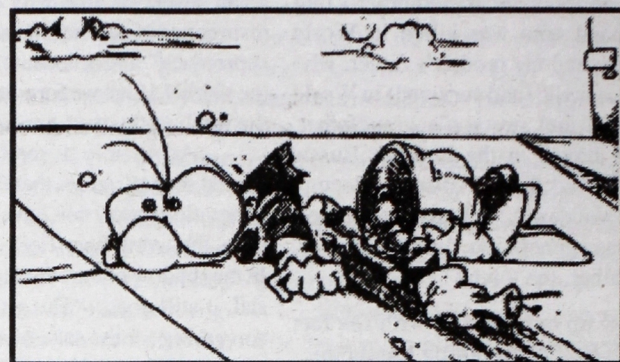
Analysis: People seem to have this love-hate relationship with old people. Last week, people preferred performing nude to old people and this week people would rather keep their finger glued to the inside of their nose than dealing with them. Mind you I suppose being naked in front of the elderly is easier than actually LICKING them. Ah well.

Next Week's Question:

Given the choice, would you rather have a picture of a squirrel tattooed across your entire face or uncontrollably screaming "I'm a happy little monkey" at twenty random points during the day?

Scraping Roadkill Off the Information Superhighway

by Nick Stewart
Entertainment Editor



Underground Film

<http://www.undergroundfilm.com/>

Yet another site featuring short, independant films...not that it's a bad thing. In fact these films are all pretty funky in their own right, each featuring their own unique style and meaning. The films shown on this site cycle every once in a while, usually running three or four movies a shot. This month features The Available Templing Man, an 11-minute animated film on a dark man with powers of invisibility, hypnotism and telepathy, and uses them for the powers of...acquiring employment at temp agencies. Interview: Sugar Pictures is a short film with the creators of Sugar Pictures, a production company that has put out HBO documentaries Breasts, and Private Dicks (you can also see brief clips from these). Gerrard is a film about an advertising genius who is "unleashed by angst, driven by caffeine and destroyed by his mother". Finally, Whipped is kinda like Cinefest's TOPS and bottoms, a quick documentary on how "normal" S&M addicts really are. All these movies have been presented at various alternative film festivals, like the Chicago Underground Film Festival, and the infamous Slamdance. As a small added bonus, you can also read a half-dozen or so screenplays, but the films are the real meat of this site. Good thing to tide you over until the next Cinescreen.

William Shatner Acting Simulator

<http://www.hecklers.com/simshatner/simshatner.html>

Sites like this one are good for extremely short attention spans. It's pretty, makes noises, and is fun to goof around with...everything that a person with the concentration ability of a three-year-old needs. And to make it all that much more amusing, it makes fun of good ol' William Shatner. Essentially, this site is just that: an excuse to make fun of Shatner, which is a good enough reason in itself for a webpage to exist. This site is a full-page animated cartoon of Shatner as James T. Kirk, sitting on his captain's chair on the bridge of the Enterprise. Lights flash around him and crew members sit there, pressing buttons and doing what they do. At the bottom of the screen sits a bar with a load of buttons, which, when pressed, animate Shatner. Each button makes The Lord of The Dramatic Pause say a different thing in the way only he can, and move as he does. Press certain buttons one after the other to get him to jerk around spastically, spewing off mindless Shatner-ish things. That's all there is to it. As I said, totally mindless but incredibly amusing.

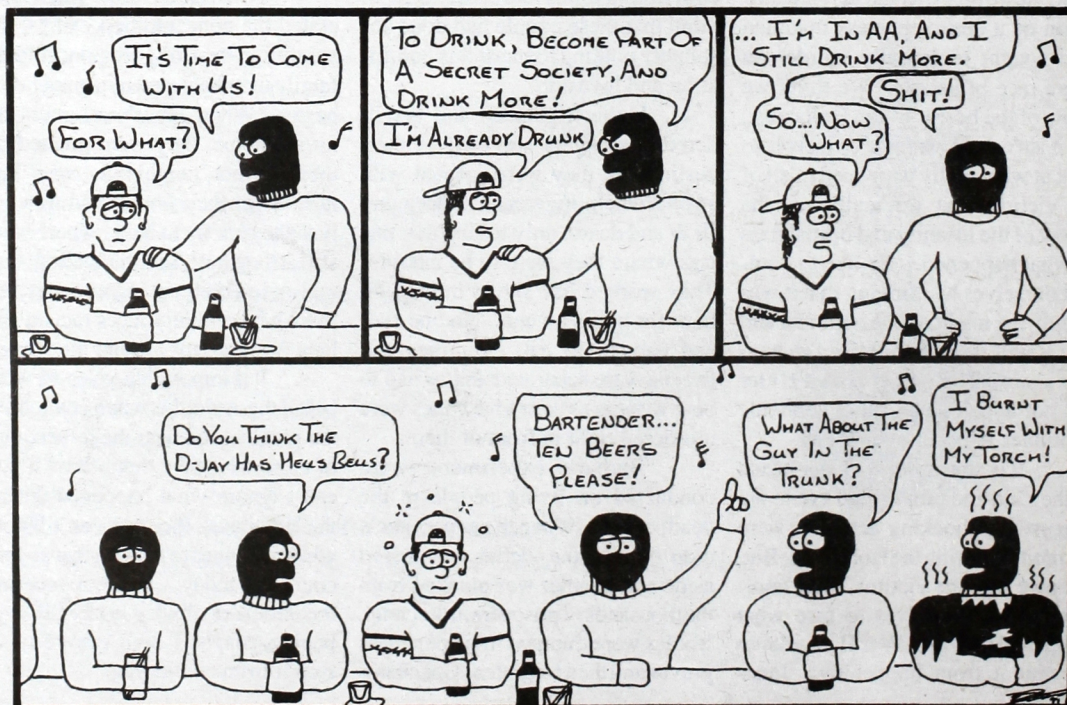
Weird Al: The Saga Begins

<http://www.sagabegins.com/index.html>

Weird Al....is there anything he can't do? Well, he probably couldn't run at the speed of sound, but barring that, he's capable of just about anything. Just as his song The Saga Begins mocks American Pie terrifically, this website mocks Star Wars and its official website like only he can do. It's worth paying a visit to www.starwars.com just to compare it to this one and see what a great job Weird Al has done. From the Tri-Episode graphics to the multi-language titles, this is a perfect website spoof. And if that wasn't a good enough reason to visit it, it's also got an online video version of the great song The Saga Begins, as well as a short history on himself and his reasons behind making the song, both of which are surprisingly normal. And just as the SW site has links to other Episode-related stuff, Weird Al's site has links to a website on his newest video, It's All About the Pentiums (another hilarious song). That last website is also worth visiting as it does to the Pentium what The Saga Begins did to Star Wars. Classic Weird Al..

DOWNUNDER

by Mat Thompson



Psycho Letters From Nick

c/o Lambda's Entertainment Section
Laurentian Mental Hospital
INS ANE

by Nick Stewart
Entertainment editor

I came across the website of this vending machine manufacturing company called Corporate Vending Systems while trudging across the Internet one day. I got to thinking, "If I could come up with an idea for a vending machine, what would it be?". This is basically what I came up with:

Dear Corporate Vending Systems,

I am an enterprising new inventor seeking a company that will be willing to produce my new idea. It is a rather good idea, if I do say so myself, and the market is open for such a concept. Here's the pitch (I wrote it myself): "Have you ever wanted a pet and not wanted to bother with all the responsibility associated with it? Ever wanted a pet you could care for during your lunch break and not have to worry about it afterwards? Well, with new Vend-O-Squirrel, you can have all that, and more! That's right, with Vend-O-Squirrel set up in your workplace or university, the possibilities for happiness are endless! Pop a dollar (or two) into the machine, reach into the slot (we do not take responsibility for squirrel bites) and grab your new pet squirrel! Care for it as long as you wish, feed it as much as you want (peanuts sold separately)! Tired of your new pet squirrel? Open a window and set it free! It's that simple!". Nifty idea, huh? Of course, things would have to be cleared with the proper animal rights folks, but if we provide the little vending boxes with the right food and water, it could work out. I of course will leave the technicalities of the actual squirrel dispensing up to you. Maybe they could each have their own little box inside the vending machine, and when somebody push the button, a lever sweeps them out of their box and knocks them into the slot. Again, I'll leave that up to you. I have spoken to various people about this idea and they all would purchase a Vend-O-Squirrel pet if given the opportunity. I would appreciate your input on the matter, and look forward to possible future dealings with you and your company. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Stewart

Since this was an email address, it took no time to repeatedly sent this email to them. Unfortunately, there were two problems with this. One, they flat-out never answered me. Two, it sorta constitutes harassment or something, so I had to stop sending it to them. Ah well. The world is full of companies to harass....

When sending freako letters to companies, it's important to get a few off to the government. After flipping through some government mailing directories, I came across the mailing address for the Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology. So many possibilities...

Dear Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology,

The world is definitely in need of a cheaper, cleaner and more effective energy source. I am presently pursuing research in previously unexplored fields to achieve this end. The problem, however, with exploring alternative sources of fuel is that few companies are willing to promote your efforts. I feel that my current projects will benefit not only the province, but the whole nation...and even possibly the world. Just a few of the materials I am experimenting with as fuel sources include: goat phlegm, toenail clippings, shoelaces, human hair, llama dandruff, cola, kleenex, chocolate, cacti, jalapeno-flavoured chips, cockroaches, red dye #2, barbecue sauce, cow tongues, fish eyes, tapioca pudding, silicone, collagen, cookie dough, pork fat, and much more. Results with the majority of the substances have been rather promising, but I am in need of funding to proceed much further. I would hope that the provincial government would be able to provide some form of assistance, as I feel that my work would be beneficial to all. I anxiously await your reply, and look forward to a cooperative future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Stewart

I never figured it would happen, but I actually got a response on this one! If you ever needed cold, hard proof that your governmental tax dollars were at work, here it is:

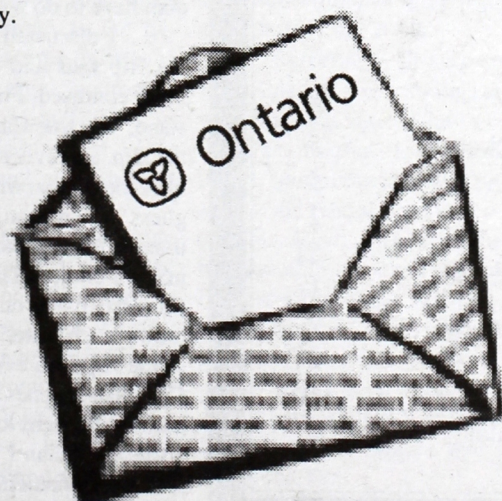
Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you for your letter outlining your research on alternative energy sources. Most of the items that you mention have low heating values and most appear to be organic. Organic materials, derived from municipal solid waste, as a source of fuel were evaluated a number of years ago and found to have a low heating value.

In order to pursue your research efforts you may wish to contact the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program at Laurentian University in Sudbury.

I wish you every success in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,
Rick Jennings
Director
Energy Policy Branch



Skewed News

by Nick Stewart
Entertainment Editor

Microsoft Head Accused of Being Prince of Darkness

After one of the biggest losses in anti-trust history, Microsoft CEO Bill Gates has been slapped with unprecedented legal action. A group of 120 countries around the world, led by U.S. General Attorney Janet Reno, have charged Gates with Being The Devil. Extensive research has already been pursued by investigators, and already findings are leading towards to Gates being the Lord of the Underworld. Among various bits of incriminating evidence are lines of code in Windows that cause the computer to crash if it finds you haven't saved your essay in twenty minutes, subliminal messages in Windows startup screens that urge consumers to buy Microsoft products, and even a help file encoded on the Windows CD called "How to Sacrifice Your Neighbour, Version 2.0". Perhaps most damaging to Gates' case are two items in particular: One, the discovery that Gates has sent out his own private missionaries to poor Third World countries to convert locals to Windowism, a religion in which practitioners must wear thick-glasses and pocket protectors while attempting to steal ideas from their neighbours (before sacrificing them) to offer up to their Lord, a Mister Bill "The Big Stud" Gates. The second and perhaps most incriminating of all is the discovery of Gates' private memoir, "I Am Without Question The Devil". In it, Gates apparently recounts of how he had devoured the souls of countless competitors while incorporating their good ideas into his software. Also in the memoirs are numerous complaints of that "meddlesome God fellow" always interfering with his attempts to control the world via the widespread integration of Microsoft software into home computers. Authorities are presently looking for a judge who has no previous contact with Microsoft to preside over the inevitable trial, although with no success thus far. These authorities are expected to drill to the center of the Earth, dredge the Pacific ocean and search caves all over the world to pursue this hunt for impartiality.

Shocking New Candidate For U.S. Presidency

A large number of candidates vying for the position of the President of the United States have thrown their hats into the electoral ring within the past few months, and perhaps none so shocking as its most recent addition, NRA President Charlton Heston. Heston has been marked in past years as being an extremely honest, frank and always controversial speaker, and his recent announcement to run has been proof has that the Presidency race should prove to be an interesting one. Along with his announcement for nomination, members of the press grilled Heston as to his standings on various political issues. When asked about the U.S.'s growing overpopulation problem, Heston announced to a bewildered crowd that he would have all males in the country systematically sterilized, thereby forcing any and all women that wish to have children to have sex with him. "This works out for everybody", continued Heston. "Men would no longer have to worry about the embarrassing ritual of buying condoms, women would be able to have children without having to worry about a troublesome husband or anything, and I would have the entire country as my own personal harem." Heston concluded his speech by saying that to protect future Americans he would have any and all "of those damn dirty apes" destroyed.



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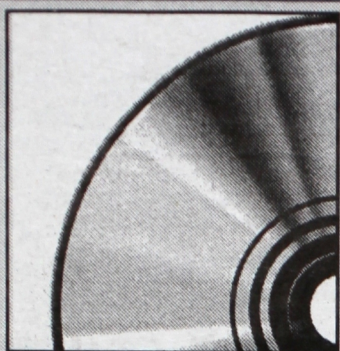
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MUSIC FOR THE MASSES

REVIEWS BY MAT THOMPSON, MUSIC REVIEWER



Adam Sandler - Stan and Judy's Kid

Funny thing happened with this CD. I got an advance copy sent to me from Warner Music and the list on the front of the CD says that there are seventeen tracks on the disc, so I put the disc in my player and listen to it. Of course right after the fifteenth track, the disc ends. Now I wouldn't be too upset, but track sixteen was titled *The Psychotic Legend of Uncle Donnie* and actually was the only track that sounded interesting on the whole disc.

I love Adam Sandler as much as the next person, but this fourth disc just doesn't hold water. The joke tracks are less funny than most and Adam seems to be turning into a bigger child through each track. The humor has plummeted to such a base humor that it is hard to detect. *The Cool Guy* tracks have to be the worst as Adam is a so called ladies-man trying to get it on with a bunch of different women only to strike out by saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. The first time you hear it, it actually isn't that bad, but then when it is repeated with different women at least four other times, it just gets annoying.

Other joke tracks like *Hot Water Burn Baby*, *Whitey* and *The Peeper* are completely stupid and each one is over five minutes long (Whitey is over 16 min.). Sure Adam Sandler's movies may be funny, but his little comedy routines on disc are becoming a major bore. He is lucky he can still write a pretty funny song when he has to hold on to his audience.

The two best songs on the disc have to be *7 Foot Man* and *She Comes Home to Me*. *7 Foot* is of course about being a seven foot tall man, and of course after a while it turns into a song about his seven foot wide dick. *She Comes Home to Me* is Adam's attempt to outdo himself as he tries to make a song raunchier than *At a Medium Pace* as he sings about his stripper girlfriend and what she will and won't do for money. The song most people will be excited about on the disc is probably the *Chanukah Song Part 2* where Adam sings about a whole new list of people who are Jewish. Pretty funny, but nothing spectacular.

I know a lot of people are going to rush out and get this album, but maybe borrow it first. Adam Sandler just isn't up to his usual level of comedy and the disc actually isn't very good. A few songs are the only redeeming quality, but you can probably just get them off MP3. Stick with the old stuff.

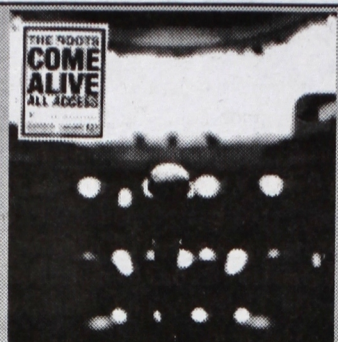


The Arrogant Worms - Dirt

How could I pass up a chance to review a band with a name like **The Arrogant Worms**!! At first look this album is just another strange, unheard of album by some strange band, but if you listen to it it's completely different. **The Arrogant Worms** are more comedians than they are musicians. The best way to describe them would be the bastard sons of **Corky and the Juice Pigs**.

Dirt contains some of the weirdest tracks around. There is *A Man Has Needs* where they sing about needing beer to watch wrestling and football, *Great to Be a Nerd* (you can guess from the title) and even a track entitled *Celine Dion* where they sing about their crush on her and how they want to run away with her and feed her. There is *I am Cow*, sung from a cow's perspective and even *Winnebago*, a bonus track that was improvised during recording. This is what Adam Sandler wishes his album was like!

This is one of the strangest things I have ever heard, but if you own any of the **Juice Pigs** albums then you will love adding this to your collection. Come on, they even sing about a *Chinese Buffet* and the *Heimlich Maneuver*!

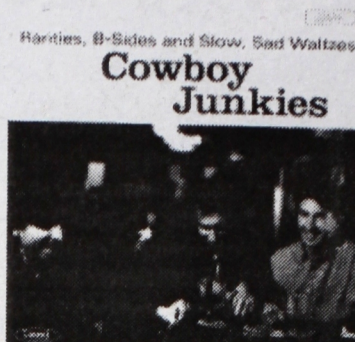


The Roots - The Roots Come Alive

For all you fans out there **The Roots** have finally come out with a definitive live album that not only showcases some of their greatest songs, but it also shows exactly what it is like to hear **The Roots** when they are out on the road.

The Roots Come Alive starts out with *Grandmaster Flash Live at the T-Connection* from 1979 to show the audience exactly where **The Roots** are coming from and where they learned their craft. After that the disc is full of some of the best of **The Roots** including songs that have flubs, improvisations and missed cues. I think that is what makes this album so genuine. The fact that the band didn't try to make a perfect live album, they made a realistic live album. **The Roots** want their fans and listeners to have the real experience, not a simulated live act.

The Roots Come Alive is available now and is a definite must have for any **Roots** fans. Even though the album only contains a few of the best tracks of **The Roots**, their bio promises more live albums to come in the future!



Cowboy Junkies - Rarities, B-Sides...

Many Canadian bands after a few years or more of fame seem to follow the time honored tradition of releasing a collection of songs that didn't make the cut when it came to their bigger releases. For fans of a band it is a rare treat to hear more songs from their favorite band, but in reality releasing a disc of songs that weren't good enough the first time around sounds a little strange to me!

I'm not a big **Cowboy Junkies** fan, but this album is actually pretty good. There are only ten tracks on the album but they all seem to give the listener a pretty good idea what the band is all about. The album contains some amazing melodies as well as some all out rock songs. This album isn't as much a second-hand song album as it is a refreshing look at a not so big Canadian band who makes some pretty good music.

Rarities, B-Sides and Slow, Sad Waltzes is not the type of album you can pick up and all of a sudden love the band. You have to be a pretty good **Cowboy Junkies** fan to truly appreciate what this album is, but even if you aren't, there are probably songs that you will enjoy anyway.



Scare Dem Crew - Scared From the Crypt

Have you ever heard a cat in heat that was slowly being run over by a steam roller by a guy who was constantly yelling obscenities through a bullhorn while an air raid siren was going off in the background? Well, if you haven't, just try to imagine it for one second. Okay, now picture that as a good sound. It's hard, but if you are subjected to having to listen to the **Scare Dem Crew** album you will be praying for any kind of noise to make you forget what you heard.

Scare Dem Crew are one of the worst groups I have ever heard. They try to mix the sounds of Reggae with Gangsta rap and end up with a sound that is so hard to listen to that you will be begging for someone to just break the CD. This is seriously one of the worst albums I have ever heard in my entire life! Don't buy this album. But if for some God forsaken reason you do end up with *Scared From the Crypt* use it as either a coaster for your beer, a mini frisbee in residence or stick it behind the visor in your car and use it as a vanity mirror. Do not listen to the music unless you are a masochist!

Top Selling Albums

According to Entertainment Weekly here are the top selling albums for the week ending November 5, 1999.

POP ALBUMS

Weeks on Chart

1. **Santana** - Supernatural 19
2. **Backstreet Boys** - Millennium 23
3. **Creed** - Human Clay 4
4. **Lou Bega** - A Little Bit of Mambo 9
5. **Britney Spears** - ...Baby One More Time 41
6. **Limp Bizkit** - Significant Other 18
7. **Kid Rock** - Devil Without a Cause 43
8. **Christina Aguilera** 9
9. **Juvenile** - 400 Degrees 51
10. **Brian McKnight** - Back at One 5

R&B ALBUMS

1. **Eve** - Let There Be... Eve 6
2. **Method Man/Redman** - Blackout! 5
3. **Brian McKnight** - Back at One 5
4. **The Best Man Soundtrack** 2
5. **Juvenile** - 400 Degrees 51
6. **Pharoanhe Monch** - Internal Affairs 1
7. **Donell Jones** - Where I Wanna Be 2
8. **Warren G** - I Want it All 2
9. **Mary J. Blige** - Mary 10
10. **Mos Def** - Black on Both Sides 2

The Only Canadian Band?

by Mat Thompson
Editor-In-Chief

I have taken a lot of flack for the fact that I am one of the few people around that will admit that I don't like the Tragically Hip, but this past weekend it really made me think about it. While I was D-Jaying on Saturday night I had a few people come up to me and ask me to play the Hip. Now I will play *Fireworks* and sometimes *Bobcaygen*, but every time I told someone that I didn't like the band I was asked the same question, "Are you Canadian?" Now this shocked me. What does being Canadian have to do with liking the Hip?

I discussed this with one of the Hip fans and came away even more confused. From what I understand, any true Canadian has to like the Hip, and everyone at *Laurentian* likes the Hip, so why don't I. Well, I guess my reasoning is that even though I am a Canadian I can still make a choice. There are a million Canadian bands out there that I think are so much better than the Hip. One of the Hip fans even said that a true Canadian watches Hockey, loves the Leafs and listens to the Hip. Well, as a true Canadian I watch Wrestling, love the Canadiens and listen to the

Headstones. In my view that is no different than what was proposed to me, but I guess Hip fans can't see past the wool in their eyes. Most Hip fans I have met are total sheep and can't come up with any substantial reasons for being a fan.

Now I know that there are Hip fans out there writing a letter to *Lambda* right now, but just wait. I have no problem that people like the band, but don't tell me that I have to like the band because I am Canadian. Does that mean I have to eat back-bacon, drink Molson and say 'Eh' after every word while putting on my toque and riding my snowmobile over a semi-frozen lake? No. Being Canadian means a million things to all of us and I really don't think that *The Tragically Hip* is a defining factor in being a Canadian.

Canadian bands aren't as well known as American bands, and I am glad that the Hip have such a rabid fan base, but there are others out there who would rather hear *The Headstones*, *New Meanies*, *Econoline Crush*, *Matthew Good*, *Rusty* and others than have to worry about New Orleans sinking and who actually cares!

A Sit-Down With Snuka

by Chad Thompson
Western Gazette Staff

When the heroes of wrestling pay-per-view was aired on October 10th, one man among them redefined high flying moves in the wrestling industry. In the 1980's few moments in wrestling stand out like when Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka climbed to the top of a steel cage and did his "Superfly Splash" on a waiting Don "The Rock" Moroccho. Flash forward to 1999 when an older but still as talented "Superfly" sits down to talk about wrestling past and present.

Snuka bursts with pride when he talks about the dive from the top of the steel cage and how it set the standard for high risk moves. "It was high risk," he said, with a big smile. "But I tell you brother, it was on national television and I took advantage of the opportunity. I climbed to the top of the cage because I was known for the top rope not the top of the cage. No one knew about it and I just went for it."

Snuka cites the steel cage match as the favorite match of his career. "Without question, the match

with Don in the steel cage was great," he said. "Morocco was the best guy I ever wrestled against and the greatest wrestler in the world. We had some great matches."

When it comes to helping out younger wrestlers improve their craft, Snuka says he enjoys the role. "It is a beautiful feeling. It is like I am a teacher to these kids," he stated. "You can imitate things, but if you love it then it has to be in your heart."

The World Wrestling Federation was a long time home for Snuka and he still has great respect for owner Vince McMahon. "He is like all of us, he is a business man," he said of his old boss. "He is doing a wonderful thing with wrestling today, I mean they are number one in the business."

Snuka takes great pride in his Samoan heritage and the fact that he aided in opening the doors for other Samoan wrestlers. "There are not enough boys yet," he said. "I feel proud that I was able to start it all. It gives you a good feeling to bring your culture to other people and see them enjoy it."

When it comes to today's

wrestlers, Snuka said they all impress him a great deal but he felt the public misunderstands how real wrestling can have real life consequences. He noted the general public does not understand that gravity is real. "When you wrestle you take a lot of bumps," he said. "If you do it every day you could never last. It's like a motor in a car, after running a long time it will eventually die. In wrestling you have to do the right things so you do not get hurt, but kids today are willing to do anything to get across and be noticed. They do not realize if you use your mind you will get there."

As for his feelings about returning to one of the bigger wrestling federations like the WWF, ECW or WCW, Snuka said he would go if the price was right.

At the end of the interview, Snuka smiled and left some words of wisdom. "Just remember T.C.B. - taking care of business. You tell them that is from Superfly."

Years later, Jimmy Snuka remains one of the greatest wrestlers and entertainers in the business.



by Mat Thompson
Editor-In-Chief

Well, its been long enough since I got to write about wrestling. Chris does a great job, but after watching a November To Remember, I wanted to write a little on the newest thing on wrestling television, Extreme Championship Wrestling. The only thing a lot of people don't understand about the ECW is that it isn't all that new.

ECW started in the early 1990's as Eastern Championship Wrestling, a promotion lead by Paul E. Dangerously which after a few years was turned into what we now know as Extreme Championship Wrestling. If you have a satellite then like me you have been watching it for years now and now that they are on TNN on Friday nights, it is like a second wind for ECW.

ECW isn't for everyone. The best way to explain ECW is wrestling for hard-core fans; both fans of hard-core wrestling and hard-core wrestling fans. Sure the ECW is some of the most violent and obscene wrestling around, but if you look past the chairs, thumbtacks, fire, staple guns, trash cans and buckets of blood, the ECW has some of the greatest wrestling talents around. All you have to do is watch any of the matches between Rob Van Dam and Jerry Lynn and you will see true wrestling talent. In my view there is no one better in the business to day as these two. They are true talent and haven't been corrupted by one of the major 'sports entertainment' companies.

Now that ECW is on network

television they are trying to go back to the old days of Raven, Tommy Dreamer, Sandman, Sabu and others, but the so called 'next generation' of ECW stars are the ones to watch. Sure Justin Credible and Lance Storm are two of the most annoying guys in the federation, but they could probably take any tag team in the two other federations in under five minutes. I would have to say that Lance and Justin are just as good or better than the original British Bulldogs. They just have to get rid of Dawn Marie and they could do so much better.

Lance Storm's former tag partner just returned with his new bride on his arm. Chris Candito and Tammy Lynn Sytch (Sunny) returned to some pretty big fan fare last week which is much deserved after the amazing match at November to Remember. But the biggest return I have ever seen happened last Friday night. Sandman returned in one of the greatest re-entrances I have ever seen. Most people know Sandman as the pathetic loser Hak, but in the ECW he is one of the Gods on high. Sandman is the true king of extreme and the WCW just couldn't handle him. The ECW crowd loves him and just can't get enough.

One thing a new fan of the ECW should know is that the ECW fans are like no other. The ECW is like a cult and when their wrestler comes out, they go nuts! There are no real bad guys and good guys and the company doesn't make the stars... the fans do. No matter how big they try to hype a wrestler up, the ECW fans will either make or break him.

Extreme Championship F***ing Wrestling

The fans know that it is their federation, and will turn on a wrestler in a second when they hear rumors of jumping ship. Taz, the former ECW champion and fan favorite now is yelled at and the crowd chants "you sold out" when he hits the ring. When it comes to ECW, there is no other federation like it.

The WCW tried to cash in on the ECW a while back, but no one really panned out. Bam Bam, Raven, Hak, and Micky Whipwreck (former ECW Champ) all went back after a while and others like Kidman and Saturn do well, but not as well as they would in ECW. The WWF seems to be trying to jump on the ECW bandwagon, but they are doing it all wrong. Stevie Richards, The Blue Meanie and the D-D-Dudly Boys were some of the worst acquisitions the WWF has made. If they were smart they would try to get Van Dam, Lynn, Candito, Storm, Credible and even maybe Raven. If the WWF and ECW somehow combined they would out right destroy the WCW.

Extreme Championship Wrestling is a pretty strange style of wrestling that sure as hell isn't for everyone. You have to remember that it isn't 'sports entertainment' as much as it is 'old school wrestling' with an extreme twist. Some of the best matches of the year will undoubtedly be on the ECW and McMahon just wishes that just once The Rock, Triple H and Stone Cold could pull off a match half as good as a 'three way dance' between Rob Van Dam, Jerry Lynn and Sabu. Maybe that's why they hired Taz!

Trash Talk

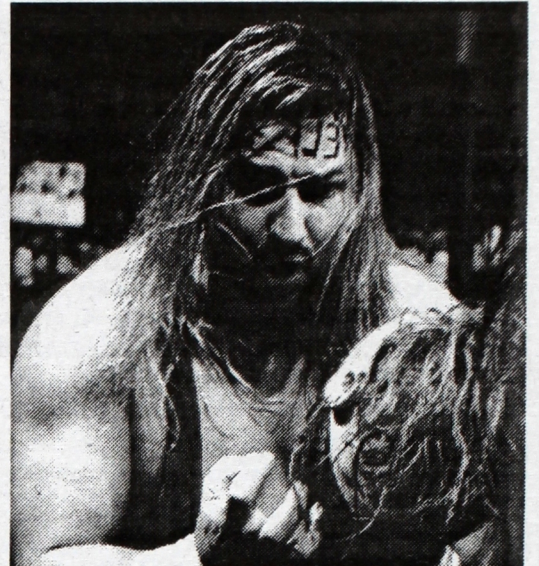
by, Chris Newman
Asst. Editor A&E

WCW finally did something this week that has made me very, very happy, even though it was very, very stupid. They've released my favorite WCW wrestler: Wrath. With his size, power, agility and talent in the ring, this guy will hopefully be a big player in WWF. It's too bad that WCW's creative team couldn't figure out what to do with him. Of course, to be fair, his career low point was probably playing Adam Bomb in WWF. But that was a long time ago, so they will do better. (Providing that WWF signs him, which I hope they do)

And WWF almost made me absolutely extatic when I heard that the Dark Lord of Cheese, The Undertaker was thinking about retiring. Of course, this turned out to not be true. So, it looks like we have to put up with more bad plots from the Dark Side. Lucky us. The only thing worse than The Undertaker is mouthy poser referees. Don't you agree?

It was bound to happen. Being the wrestling columnist at Lambda, I was eventually going to have to watch a match of Extreme Championship Wrestling. What I saw was the ECW Champ, Mike Awesome against some jabroni named Tanaka. Aside from Awesome jumping into the crowd from the top rope, I can't say that I was impressed. I guess I'm just used to the big spectacles that the WWF and WCW put on. And the blood and guts don't really impress me that much. I would rather watch The Rock talk for 20 minutes then watch The Sandman abuse himself with a kendo stick. But that's just me.

The laugh of the week has to



go to the two journalists in Atlanta who lashed out against the Al Snow action figure that came with everyone's favorite accessory, Head. These two individuals saw the doll and assumed that Head was an unlucky victim of Al Snow who had the displeasure of having her head lobbed off by him. They went on to claim that this doll would encourage young boys to abuse their future spouses. This of course raises the question, "What do these guys want?" HEAD!!!! "What do these guys need?" A CLUE!!! The real irony of the situation is that the rumours that the doll was going to be pulled off store shelves caused it to be sold out in most stores before they could be pulled. Oh yeah, and as we wrestling fans know, Al Snow threw Head to the curb over a month ago and the new Al Snow action figure with his new look was due to replace the old ones anyway. I guess it goes to show that in wrestling any publicity is good publicity.

Well, that's it for me. Join us next week when you'll hear The Rock say, "I'm gonna take this weeks edition of Lambda, wrap it up real pretty, turn the son'bitch sideways and blah blah blah!" Until then, remember to always duck the chair shot.

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Your Weekly Lambda Horoscope

by Julie Murphy
Staff Writer

SCORPIO October 23 - November 21

Things are looking up this week as a new love interest has walked onto the scene. Smile and enjoy the good fortune.

SAGITTARIUS November 22 - December 21

The search will soon be over for the answer to the question which has been plaguing you. With this newfound hope you will know what to do.

CAPRICORN December 20 - January 19

Your attitude is in need of a major adjustment. Take a look at what could be causing this nasty situation and decide what needs to be done.

AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18

It is time to stop being such a procrastinator. No one likes birthday presents that are made ten minutes before they arrive or essays which are written five minutes before class. Your life would be much easier if you could budget your time more wisely and get your act together.

PISCES February 19 - March 20

Can you say the words "good week?" That's what you'll be having this week. School is going great and things with your friends are all smiles.

ARIES March 20 - April 19

Your life is pointing in a certain direction. Is it the one you want?

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

An unexpected event wreaks havoc on your social life. Try to handle the situation with patience rather than freaking out.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

It is time to act on that reluctant feeling which you have had towards that certain someone. Quit being such a chicken and make a move.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Go with the flow. Your life is just coasting along right now and things are going just fine.

LEO July 23 - August 22

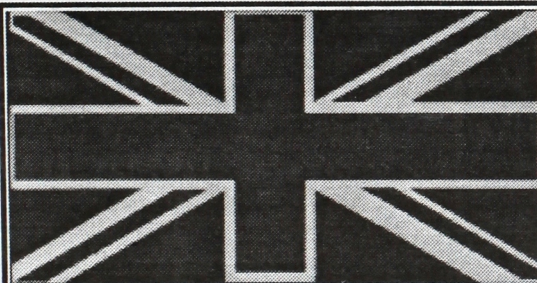
Lay low for a while as your temper is acting up this week. Watch out that you don't say something you might regret later.

VIRGO August 23 - September 22

Spontaneity means fun! Do something different for a change. Break free from the stress which engulfs your life and take a break.

LIBRA September 23 - October 22

Take a chill pill and quit freaking out about everything. Life is not out to get you! It is not a conspiracy!



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Arts & Entertainment

Conversing With The Past

by Julie Lapalme
Staff Writer

Adultery, social justice, human potential, love, death and grieving... in his play, *Skylight*, David Hare finds a way of discussing all of these issues, and more. The play takes place in a small, cold flat in north-west London, a slum-like area in the city. Kyra Hollis, played by Burgandy Code, arrives home to her modest flat looking forward to nothing else but a nice warm bath and a night of correcting homework from her high-school class. However, her evening plans are abruptly halted when Edward Sergeant (Matthew Ritchie) hesitantly walks into her open door. Edward, a goofy 18 year old, clumsily explains his reason for calling: he is worried about his father. Feelings come flooding back for Kyra; she had a six year long affair with this man and had run away from it all. Now, it was coming back to haunt her. Later on that evening, Tom, Edward's father (played by Ken Kramer), walks right back into Kyra's life. The rest of the evening (the bulk of the play) is nothing more than one long conversation between Kyra and Tom, who is twenty years Kyra's senior.

As you may have guessed, there is not much action involved here, no surprises, no interesting

twists. Throughout the length of the play, the audience does nothing more than sit in on Kyra and Tom, who is grieving the loss of his wife, discussing their past together, their present situation apart and what the future potentially holds for them. Through the course of their conversation, which lasts until about three o'clock in the morning, they discuss so many different topics that everyone can find some bit or another quite interesting. Be warned, however, that once that topic is over, they move on and you are left wondering how much longer this play will last. There is one theme that follows the couple from the beginning to the end: the contrast between a luxurious wealthy life and the cold, hard life of a blue collar worker. This theme is used to explain how the two met, their reasons for their current life choices and

their reasons for maybe getting back together.

Overall, in my opinion, the play was well done. What I enjoyed the most was the elaborate set. No detail was left to the imagination. From the wallpaper peeling off the wall, the stuffing coming out of a chair and the slightly crooked lightbulb in the corner, you really get the feel that this flat is located in a run-down neighborhood. Each detail made it seem like you were

really there, in Kyra's home, listening in on the conversation. At one point, while Kyra is preparing supper, an odour of sautéed onions and garlic fills the theater and becomes so invading that you would like to join them for supper.

One word of warning: don't be fooled by the words "Burning desire" written on the cover of the program for *Skylight*. Although we do get a brief peek at Kyra and Tom's love affair, the play does not spend a great deal of time developing it. If you don't have a very long attention span, you will not enjoy David Hare's *Skylight*. But, if you enjoy listening to two people discuss their feelings, ambitions, hopes and dreams, if you enjoy sitting in on very long and sometimes heated debates then *Skylight* is the play for you.

A Day in the Life of a Local Rock Musician

by Christopher Newman
Asst. A&E Editor

So, you want to play guitar in a band? You think it's all fun and games do you? Well, before you jump into guitar lessons, here's what you can expect...

The day was July 2nd, or as Sudburians call it, Canada Day: Take 2. My band was set to play the festival at Science North the day before, but it was rained out. Still riding on the disappointment, I decided it was best to sleep in an extra hour, but as fortune would have it, I had to work. After eight hours at work - having gotten threatened by a customer and cutting my left index finger with an exacto knife - I decided it was time for me to go home and chill before we once again attempted to put on that festival and immediately after, play the 1500 Pub and Cues. The look on the face of my brother, who also happened to be the drummer in my band, was that of complete shock as I walked in the house with my prominent guitar playing finger wrapped completely in bandages. "Don't worry", I said, "Everything will be a-ok!"

Eventually, the time came

when we had to carry all of our equipment to Science North, then down to the stage. With our parking pass being situated just far away enough from the stage as to make our lives incredibly difficult, we began the long process of carrying all of our equipment from the car down to the stage, as my girlfriend patiently guarded our remaining gear from evil-doers.

After the band before us decided to be complete jerks and stay on the stage, not one, but two songs more than they were supposed to, (yeah, you know who you are) we were forced to set up as fast as we could. Having to use our supernatural powers of plugging stuff in at incredible speeds, we were ready to go. But where were those lovely morning people from Q92 that were supposed to introduce us? Who knows. Probably waiting in line for a \$5 hotdog. But never fear, there was an official guy nearby who came on to introduce us. The crowd went silent as the lone man uttered the words "Ladies and Gentlemen: Get Soaked!!!" Well, my band's name was Soakin' Wet, but who's keeping

score? We played 45 minutes of sell-out pop and rock and, truthfully, loved every minute of it. But all good things come to an end. It was time to take everything back up to the car and to the 1500 Pub & Cues.

Fast forward, an hour and a half later, the sound check that was supposed to take 45 minutes, max, was still going on. "Forget it!", I said, "Let's just play and fix the kinks as they come." And that we did. We suffered two power failures because the bar had redone their electrical work, but still managed to get through three sets of classic rock music in front of people who smoked more than they cared. At 2:30 am, my eyes glazed over and swollen from the 2nd hand smoke, I packed up my guitar and hopped into my car, stopping only once, before I went to bed, only to wake up the next day feeling worse than I did the last, knowing that I had to go straight back to that same bar and do the same thing again.

And that, my friends is a day in the life of me: a local rock guitarist. Oh yeah, and the money sucks too.

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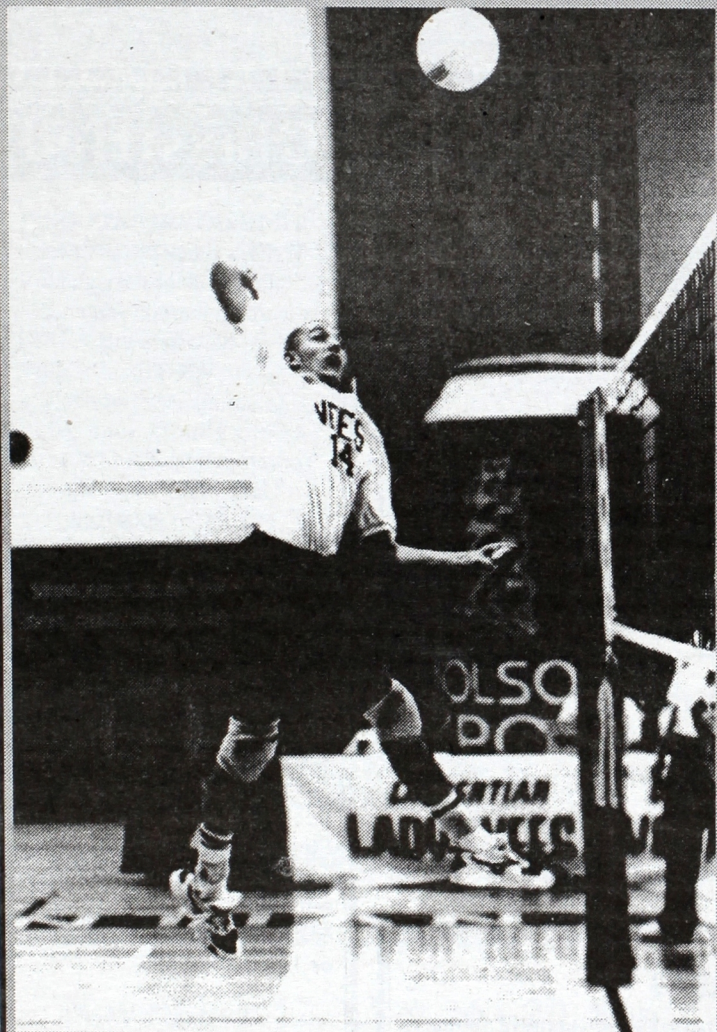


Sport Briefs



Hockey

It was a good weekend for the Voyageurs against Queen's. The Golden Gaels beat the Vees 7-3 on Saturday afternoon in Espanola. Darren Debie, Darren Schmidt, and Blair Sherrit scored for the Vees. On Sunday, the men lost a well played defensive game 2-1. Steve Gallo had the lone goal for the men. The Vees will try to get back on track when they play the York Yoemen at the Sudbury Arena on Thursday afternoon at 1:45pm.



Volleyball

The Voyageurs lost a heartbreaker to the Queen Golden Gaels 3-2 on Sunday afternoon. The men did have a two set lead but bowed out in five sets. Leading the attack for the men was Andrew White with 12 kills, 5 blocs and an ace. The men are in action on Friday November 19th against Guelph.



"Here's The Shot At The Buzzer and...."

By Nuke Laloosh
Contributor

On Sunday the Lady Vees traveled all the way to London to play the Mustangs and edged them 61-60. The Lady Vees needed heroics from their fearless leader, Stephannie Harrison. The Lady Vees found themselves trailing in the late seconds of the game. All seemed hopeless and it looked as if the Lady Vees might lose their first game of the year. At that exact moment it seemed hope filled the stale air of Mustangs gym. Laurentian was not going to be beaten, not on this day. Led by Stephannie Harrison the Lady Vees charged down the court and drained a shot with three seconds left on the clock (this is

what sport stories are made of). Stephannie Harrison once again led the team in scoring but Clare Beatty chipped in with 16 points and Stephanie Sutter helped with her 11 point performance. This continued the winning ways for the women as they improved their record to eight wins and zero losses.

Not to be outdone by the Lady Vees, the men played down south on the weekend and showed northern supremacy. The Vees beat the Guelph Gryphons 68-66. Jermaine Pendley was at the foul line with the game tied and two seconds remaining on the clock. With Voyageur pride on the line Pendley sunk both free throws

and gave Laurentian the win. Kevin "Flash" Gordon had a game high 27 points and 8 steals for the men. Jermaine Pendley added 5 points and 10 steals.

Believing that the dramatics should be left to Thornloe Universities main stage production "Our Country's Good" (Nov. 12-20), the Vees hammered Dalhousie 71-59. Clifton Edwards led the Vees with 22 points and was named a tournament All-Star. Rookie Jim Jefferson and tournament MVP Kevin Gordon had 16 points each.

The men open the regular season at home on Friday versus Bishop at 8pm.

Lest We Forget...

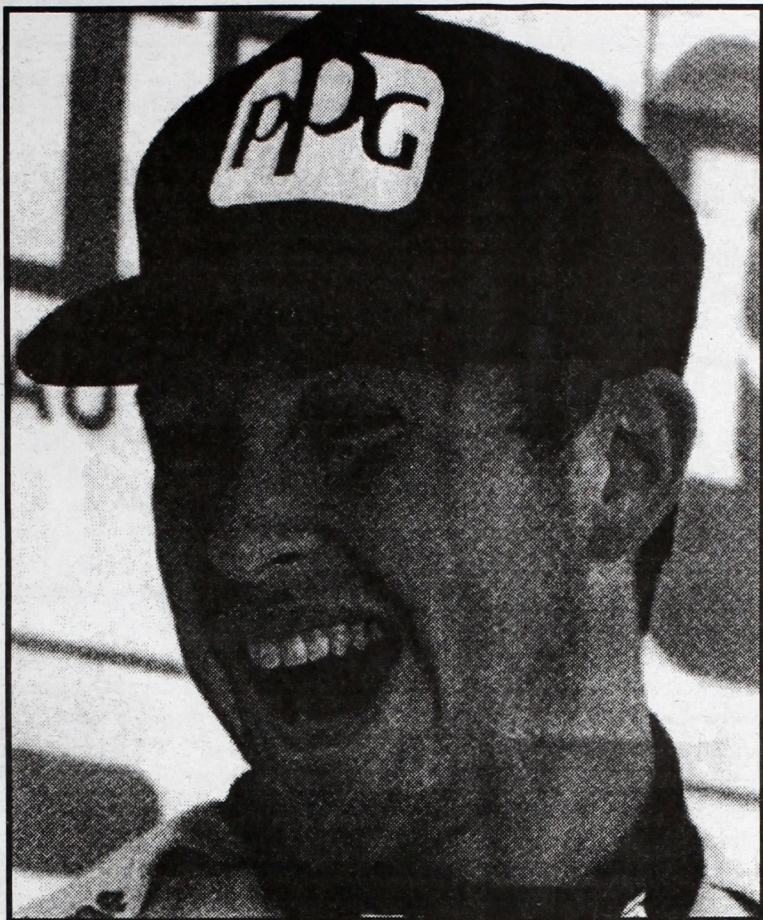
by Mickey Teed
Staff Writer

How fitting it is that this article be published on Remembrance Day. The one day of the year that we stop and think of the sacrifices made by our elders to keep this country proud and free. It is also ironic that it now gives us a chance to remember the passing of two sport icons.

Carracing and golf are not the two most recognized sports in Canada. Only when Mike Weir or Jacques Villeneuve win do we take notice. Yet with the passing of Payne Stewart and Greg Moore we as a continent, not just a country, shook our collective heads and took notice.

Tiger Woods brought flair and youth to golf four years ago. Tiger wears a red Nike shirt on the final day of tournaments, this is as flashy as golf got. People seem to forget that another golfer introduced flash, flair, knee high knickers and knee high socks. Unlike Tiger, it was not a gimmick. Payne Stewart had just won the U.S. Open earlier in the year and helped upset the Europeans in the Ryder Cup, he could play golf. He was a man that had a passion for golf and for its history. In a society where Nike and Tommy Hilfiger dominate, where athletes are measured by the size of the endorsement and not by their accomplishments, Payne Stewart gave us hope. He let us know that it was o.k. to be flashy but you did not have to be cocky. You could respect the history of the game and honour it. He was a man who inspired and encouraged passion.

Greg Moore. The name did not mean much until a few years ago. When Jacques Villeneuve showed that Canada was good at something else other than hockey, Greg Moore burst on the scene with...a smile. After the terrible accident that caused his death, a sick feeling grew in the pit of my stomach. It seemed as though I knew



this man personally. Greg Moore was never without a smile or a polite comment. He inspired young Canadian drivers to do well and showed them that it was possible to compete in a European/American dominated sport. More importantly he showed that being an athlete didn't require an attitude but kindness. He had just won five cart races before the tragedy struck, and he was only twenty-four. After his death was reported, drivers wept and sobbed openly in front of cameras because they knew this was the loss of a wonderful man. Not the loss of an athlete but that of a kind human being. You need only read the comments posted on the internet to notice how much he affected people's lives with a simple smile.

Pictures of athletes fading, live vividly in sports lore: Babe Ruth don-

ning his cap at Yankee stadium, Lou Gehrig's final address to the fans in New York, Mickey Mantle fading away to liver cancer or Gordie Howe lacing up skates at the age of eighty. These are the images of falling stars. We do keep some of the "super human" images alive but we saw our hero get old. Greg Moore and Payne Stewart will never be shown with a head full of gray hair. You are not going to see Payne on the Senior P.G.A. playing for the crowd while his game declines. You are not going to see Greg Moore be a broadcaster at forty because he is not competitive enough to race anymore. It is obvious that these two sport icons died before their time but if anything good can come from their deaths it is that they will never grow old.

Three Soccer Vees
Named OUA All-Stars

by Nuke Laloosh
Contributor

Captain Steve Wilson, Jeff Ormonde and rookie Dan Falcioni were named OUA All-Stars on Friday.

Steve Wilson played his fifth year for the Vees and was outstanding all year. Wilson gave the young team veteran leadership and scored

three goals and maintained the last line of defence from his fullback position. Wilson was selected as a first team All-star.

Jeff Ormonde is a third year player. Ormonde solidified the middle of the field after he missed the first two games of the season. Ormonde scored one goal this season

and was selected as a second team All-star.

Dan Falcioni had an impressive rookie year. He scored eight goals this season to lead the team in scoring and finished fifth (unofficially) in the country. He was selected as a second team All-star.

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English Dept. Takes Out Contract on Students

Lambda: You're taking first year English?

Student: "Right".

Lambda: Were you required to sign any document beyond normal registration forms?

Student: "Yes".

Lambda: What was it?

Student: "It was an agreement between the English Department and the student."

Lambda: What was the agreement that you signed exactly?

Student: "It stated that we would attend every class for the entire school year."

Lambda: Did you have to sign it?

Student: "We were told to read it and sign it."

Lambda: Was there any discussion?

Student: "No, we were all first year kids. No one knew each other; we trusted our prof. We didn't think anyone was out to screw us."

Lambda: Were you asked to sign anything similar to this in any other course?

Student: "No. In other classes we were treated like adults. Our course is boring, our Prof. is boring and we're being forced to be his/her audience."

Lambda: Do you know if second, third or fourth year English students have had to sign this or a similar agreement?

Student: "The first year students had to sign it but I've never met any upper year students who had to sign it."

Lambda: What's the difference between first and other year students? Why should only first year students be treated in this manner?

Student: "They knew we were ignorant of how the university was run and knew they could get away with it."

Lambda: What happens when you miss a class?

Student: "I haven't had a problem but a student in Jack Lewis' class was reminded in front of the class of the agreement when he was five minutes late."

Lambda: Well, what happens? Do you have to get a note from your mother?

Student: "Jack Lewis said he would accept a judges writ or a doctor's certificate only."

Lambda: Are you sure? That sounds ridiculous.

Student: "Ask the student in his class why should he lie?"

Lambda: Well, Senate regulations require a student be at 80% of his

classes.

Student: "First year students didn't know there was a Senate"

Lambda: We've heard there was a discussion on the marking scheme.

Student: "There was no discussion. It was our first class. Actually we had to sign two documents."

Lambda: Could we see the agreements?

Student: "I don't have it. No one else, no student that is, has a copy of the agreement."

Lambda: Don't you think you should have at least gotten a copy if you were required to sign it?

Student: "Yes, we should have. Even a candy store gives you a receipt. We don't know enough to ask for it."

Lambda: Where are all the agreements?

Student: "There was only one in our class."

Lambda: Who's the jerk that dreamed up this?

Student: "I don't know but I think the Chairman has OK'd it."

Lambda: The only agreements that we have heard of previously between students and profs are marking schemes, i.e. essays required, exams and the weight each will be given.

Student: "No, the agreement didn't say anything about that except that we had to have the material in on time. It's really difficult to find out because we don't have a copy. I'd love to ask for it (the agreement) but it might affect my work. They have us all intimidated."

Lambda: This sounds really oppressive. Why don't you just drop the course?

Student: "It's required for the program I want to take. I'd love to drop it. A lot of other students are in the same position. These field marshals have us in a corner."

Lambda: What do you plan to do about it?

Student: "Well, I've been accepted at Waterloo, they are on a trimester system. If I knew it was going to be like this I would have never moved to Laurentian. I was warned about the English department, in fact, I was told I would be intimidated, but I figured they were exaggerating. I didn't believe this kind of instruction could really go on in a university. I had more creative freedom in high school."

Lambda: In this contract, you signed, what did the English Department agree to do?

Student: "Nothing."

Canadian Students Participating in National Student Day

OTTAWA (CUP)— If preliminary reports are accurate, students from most parts of Canada will be focusing on the major problems facing post-secondary education on Nov. 9 ('76).

The event is National Student Day (NSD) which student leaders decided was the best way to demonstrate student concern about cut-backs in education funding, tuition hikes, decreasing financial aid for students and record high student unemployment, at the National Union of Students conference last May ('76). The nation-wide activity was subsequently adopted by most regional and provincial student organizations as their respective conferences. But NSD has been conceived as a local "grass roots" effort—so the emphasis has been on individual campus initiative, with coordination at the provincial and national levels.

Regional and national coordination consisted mainly of poster pamphlet and leaflet campaigns on the major NSD themes. Locally, campuses have been preparing their own series of seminars, workshops, panel discussions, media relations, and even radio talk shows.

Student leaders have been careful to emphasize that NSD is to be a "day of discussions" or "day of concern" and not a "day of protest" as some have termed it. There are to be no pickets or demonstrations, al-

though coordinating committees had some trouble defining what constituted a minimum of activity for the national day of concern.

The national coordinating committee found it necessary to criticize delegates at the NUS fall conference in October for relying too heavily on national direction and not instituting campaigns of their own.

As it now stands, provinces from British Columbia through Ontario all report extensive preparations on the major campuses for NSD, although Manitoba appears the weakest in provincial strategy. Quebec is uninvolved, due mainly to a lack of communication between l'Association National des Etudiants du Quebec (ANEQ) and the other student organizations for the past year.

The Atlantic region remains the weakest Centre of activity of those student organizations involved in NSD. At its conference Oct. 31 ('76), the Atlantic Federation of Students, representing student unions from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, finally endorsed NSD but discovered most delegates has done little work on their campuses.

The Ontario Federation of Students will present a lengthy "Declaration of Principles" to the provincial

cabinet while universities and colleges across Ontario host their activities Nov. 9 ('76), according to OFS staff member Dale Martin.

The University of Toronto plans a "fairly substantial all-day event", and the student union there hopes to meet with the minister of colleges and universities Harry Parrott.

Parrott is scheduled to address students at the University of Western Ontario, which recently voted to drop out of OFS, on the morning of Nov. 9 ('76). Bay has little planned for the day because the student union is withholding fees from NUS and the student president is trying to pull his organization out of student politics.

Humber College in Toronto and Fanshawe College in London have both a full slate of activities planned, but most of Ontario's 22 community colleges, unrepresented in either OFS or NUS, are not involved.

The Ontario federation is releasing a package of information to the provincial cabinet, and student unions across the province will release these packets to local MP's, MLA's and the media, according to Martin. The unions will also be asked to write an accompanying letter on their local situations, he said.

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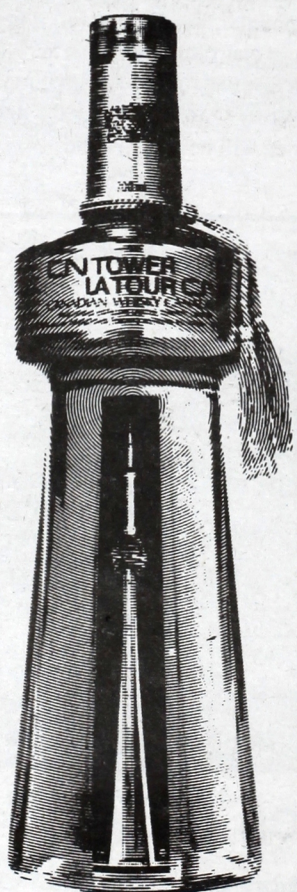


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